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# Route 1 Multimodal Improvements Study

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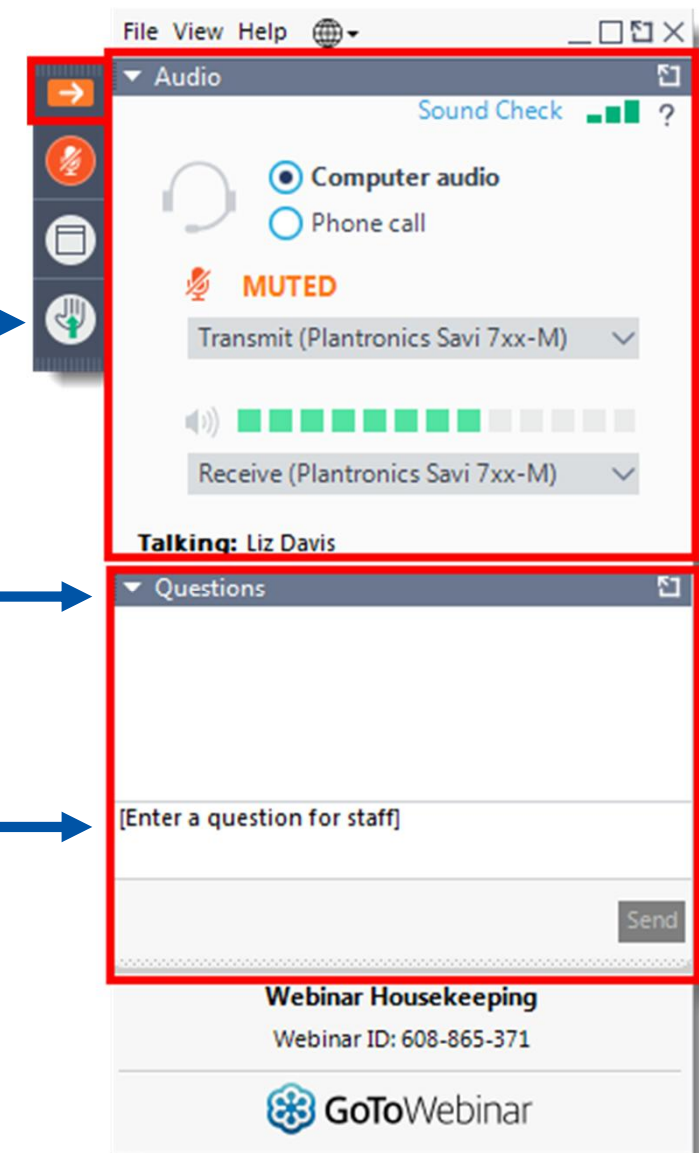
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# Executive Summary





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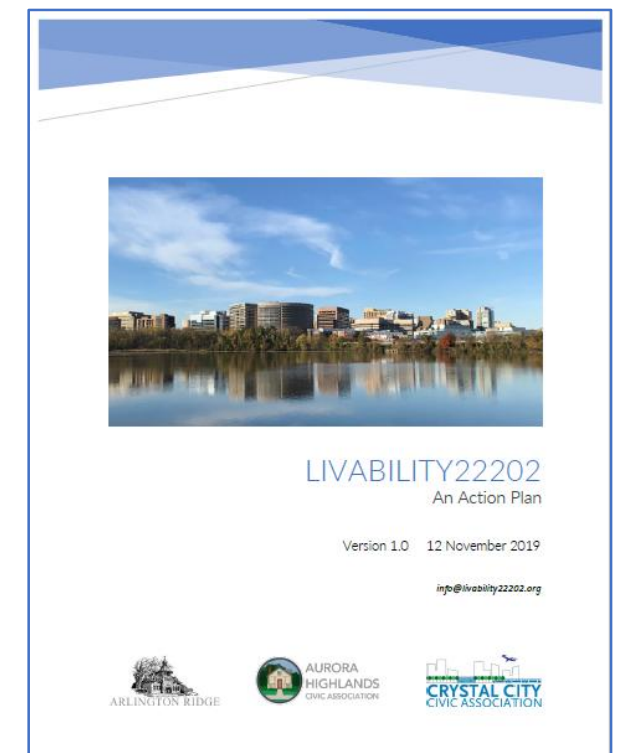
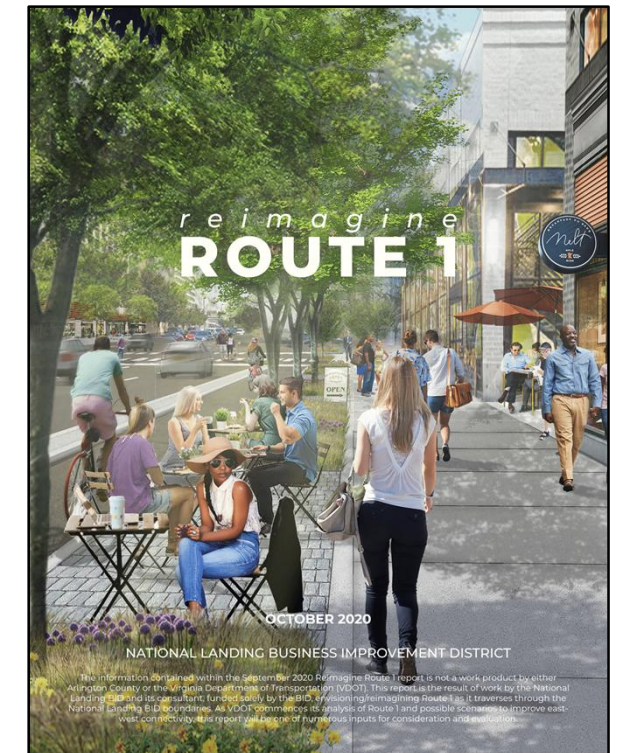
- Agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and Amazon includes a transportation project for Route 1 in National Landing to “improve safety, accessibility, and the pedestrian experience crossing Route 1...”
- Feasibility study aims to provide sufficient information to make the best decision on a future project on Route 1 to meet transportation needs with the coming of Amazon and other related development
- The study examines converting Route 1 to an at-grade or elevated urban boulevard or improving the existing elevated roadway from 12th Street to 23rd Street South

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Guides used to “improve safety, accessibility, and the pedestrian experience crossing Route 1”

- National and current urban design guides, manuals, and other publications
- The 2010 Crystal City Sector Plan lays out the community’s vision to transform Crystal City into a more inviting, lively, and walkable community. It includes the transformation of U.S. 1 into an urban boulevard linking Crystal City’s east and west neighborhoods.
- The 2020 National Landing BID’s “Reimagine Route 1” states: “transform Route 1 into a multi-modal, pedestrian-friendly, and urban-oriented boulevard that unifies the area into a truly walkable, connected, urban downtown.”
- The 2019 Livability 22202 Action Plan: one of the key priorities is to “Design and implement better and safer connections across Route 1.”
- Together, these documents provide a vision for National Landing to incorporate into a project on Route 1



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### ■ Findings

Configuration	Pedestrian Safety	Multimodal Traffic Demand	Project Cost	Urban Boulevard	Vision for National Landing
At-Grade Urban Boulevard	Concerns need to be addressed w/ further study	Needs strategy that reduces future traffic volumes	Moderate \$180M	Yes	Compatible
Elevated Urban Boulevard (Sector Plan)	Accommodates	Accommodates	High \$260M	Yes	Impedes future development of National Landing
Improved Existing Elevated Roadway	Accommodates	Accommodates	Low \$5-15M	No	Not compatible

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- Recommendation: Convert Route 1 to an at-grade urban boulevard, with provision for:
  - A Travel Demand Management (TDM) Strategy that reduces future traffic volumes
  - Further study for a separate pedestrian crossing over/under Route 1 at 18th Street, in addition to the at-grade crossings for pedestrians and bicycles

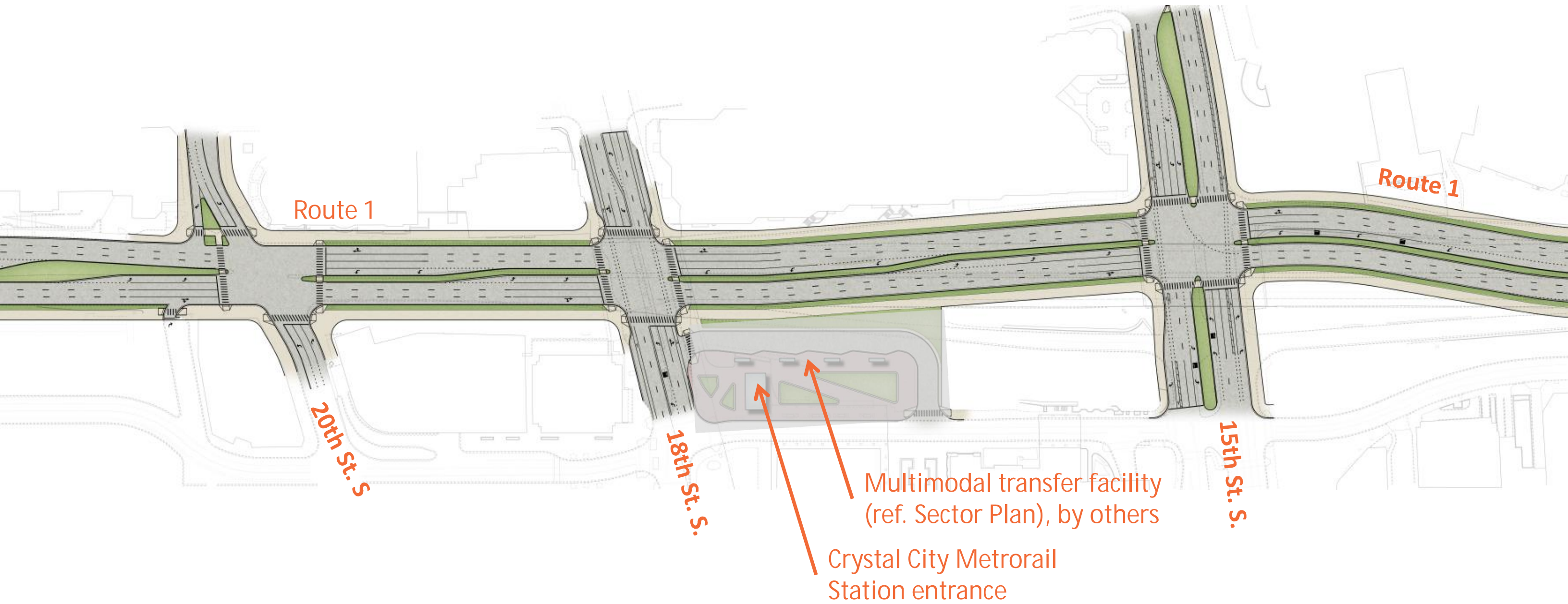


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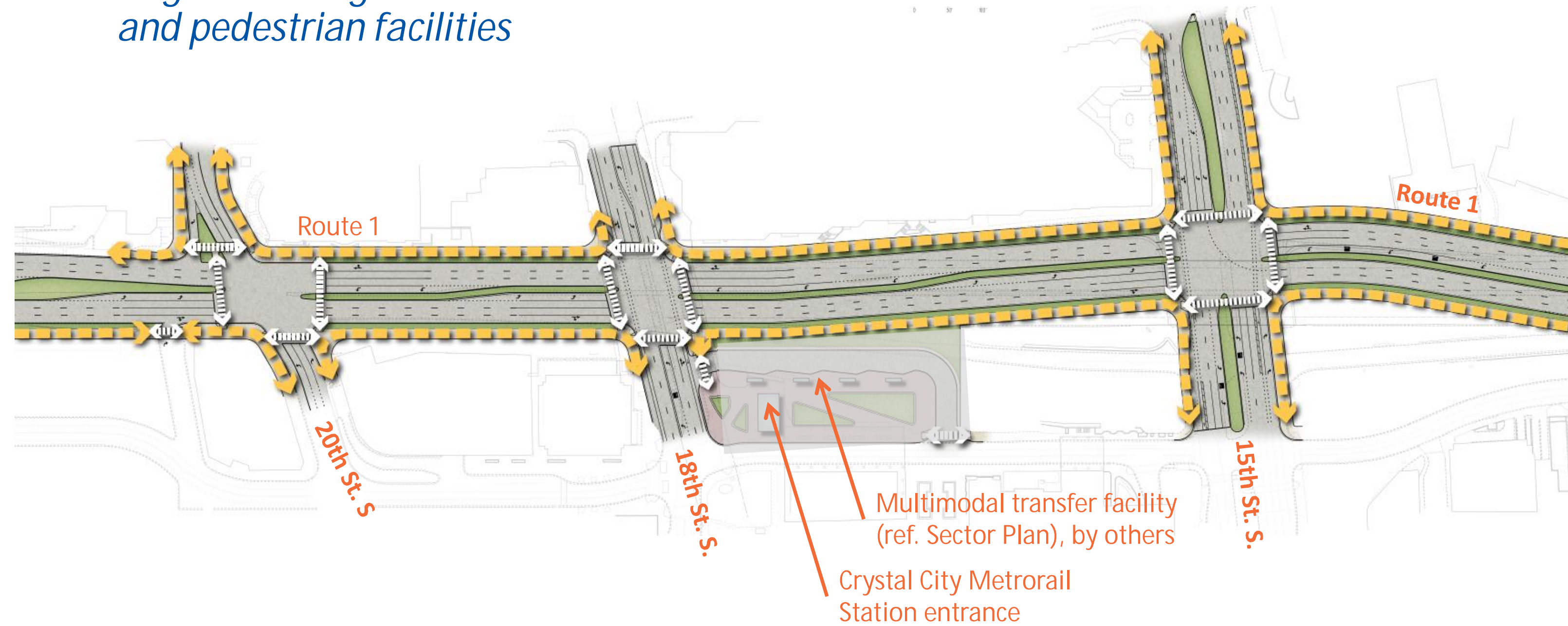


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*At grade configuration with new multimodal transfer station and pedestrian facilities*



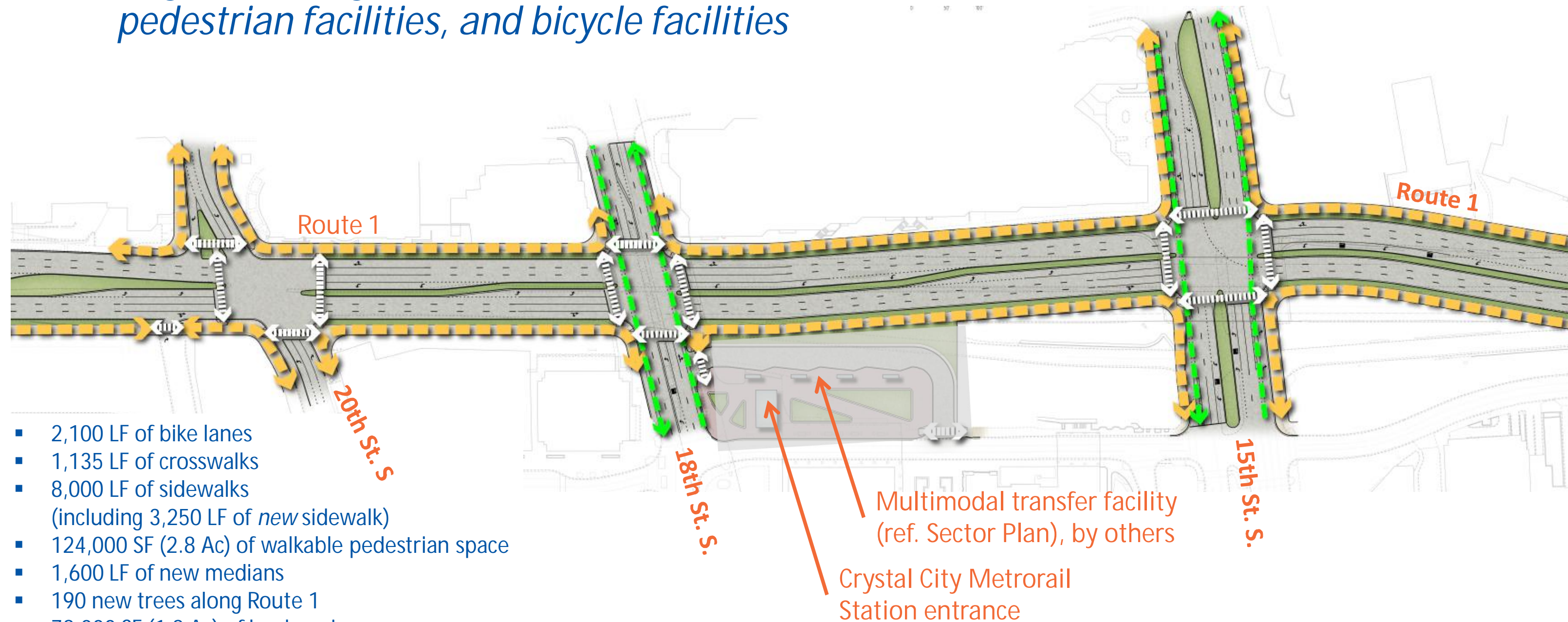


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*At grade configuration with new multimodal transfer station, pedestrian facilities, and bicycle facilities*



- 2,100 LF of bike lanes
- 1,135 LF of crosswalks
- 8,000 LF of sidewalks (including 3,250 LF of new sidewalk)
- 124,000 SF (2.8 Ac) of walkable pedestrian space
- 1,600 LF of new medians
- 190 new trees along Route 1
- 78,000 SF (1.8 Ac) of landscaping
- 85,000 SF (1.9 Ac) of pavement removed

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# At Grade Route 1 – Concept 1 – Perspective



- Wide buffered sidewalks on each side of Route 1
- Narrowed lanes
- Lower speed limit (30 mph)
- Wide crosswalks for pedestrians & bicycles
- Landscaping alongside travel lanes & median
- Median with pedestrian refuge
- Signals and lighting



Route 1 @ 15th St  
looking southwest



# At Grade Route 1 – Concept 2 – Perspective



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- Landscaping alongside travel lanes & median
- Median with pedestrian refuge
- Signals and lighting



Route 1 @ 18th St  
looking northwest



# At Grade Route 1 – Concept 2 – Pedestrian View



- Wide crosswalks for pedestrians and bicycles
- Landscaping
- Median with pedestrian refuge
- Signals and lighting

Route 1 @ 15th St  
looking west



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Route 1 @ 18th St  
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# Study Overview and Recap

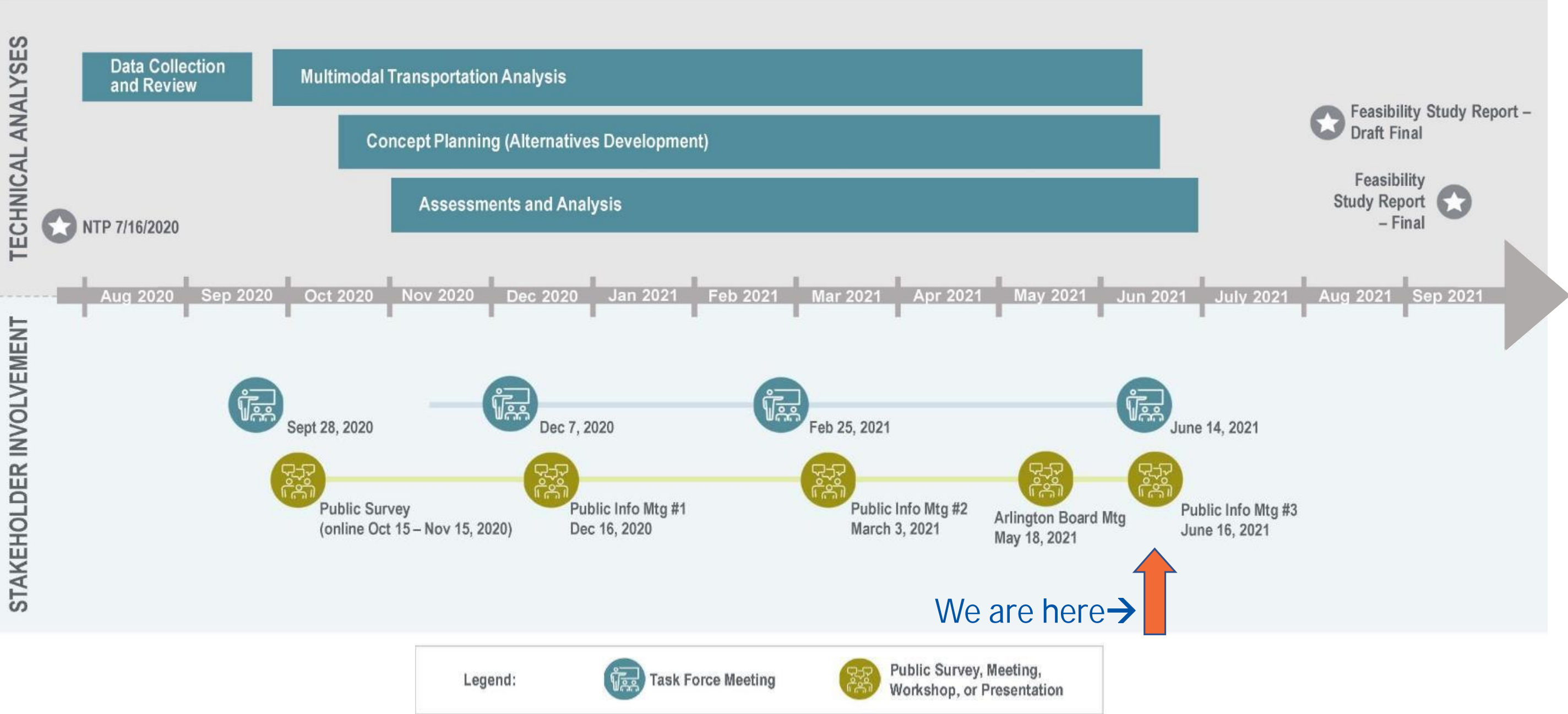




# Study Overview



## Study Tasks and Schedule



# Route 1 Multimodal Improvements in Crystal City

Feasibility Study Status Through March 3, 2021 (Public Information Meeting)

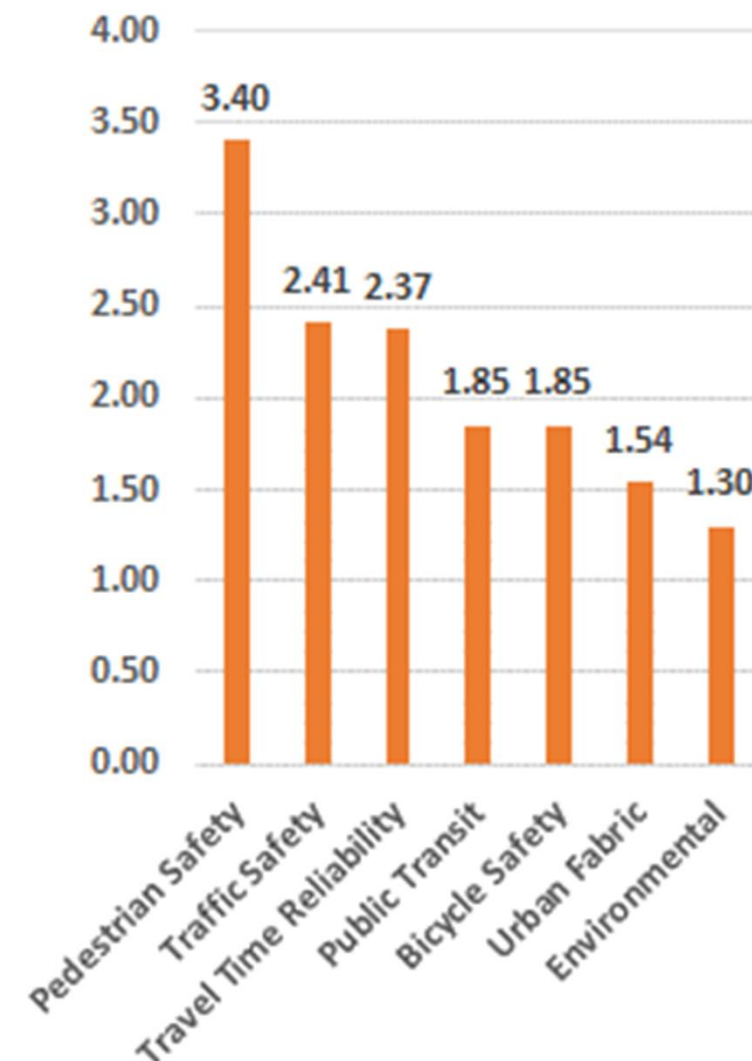


## Multimodal transportation analysis

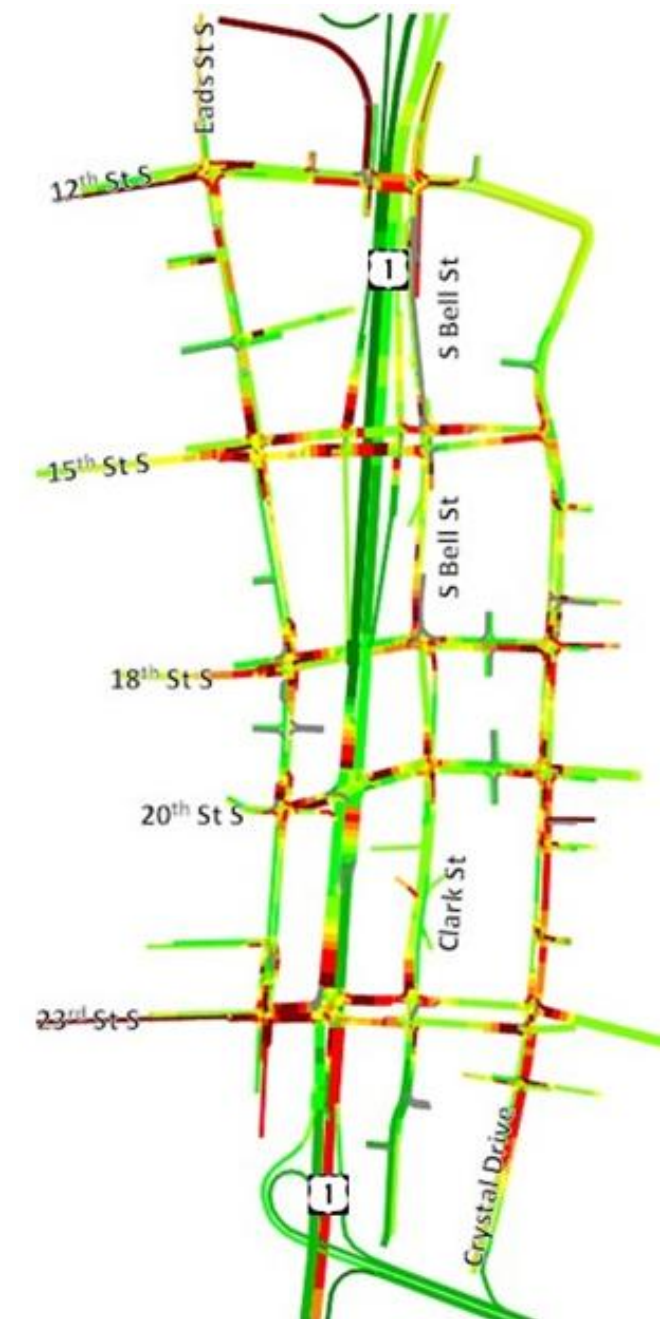
- ✓ Safety analysis
- ✓ Citizen Survey
- ✓ Existing conditions analysis
- ✓ Transportation forecasting for Years 2025 & 2040 (pre-pandemic based on COG regional model)

	Existing	2025	2040
Existing & Projected Volumes	47,000	53,400	60,500

- ✓ Future no-build conditions analysis
- ✓ Selected typical section for study & at-grade/elevated alignment
- ⇒ Future build conditions analysis – *underway*



Design Priorities from Citizen Survey



2040 No-Build

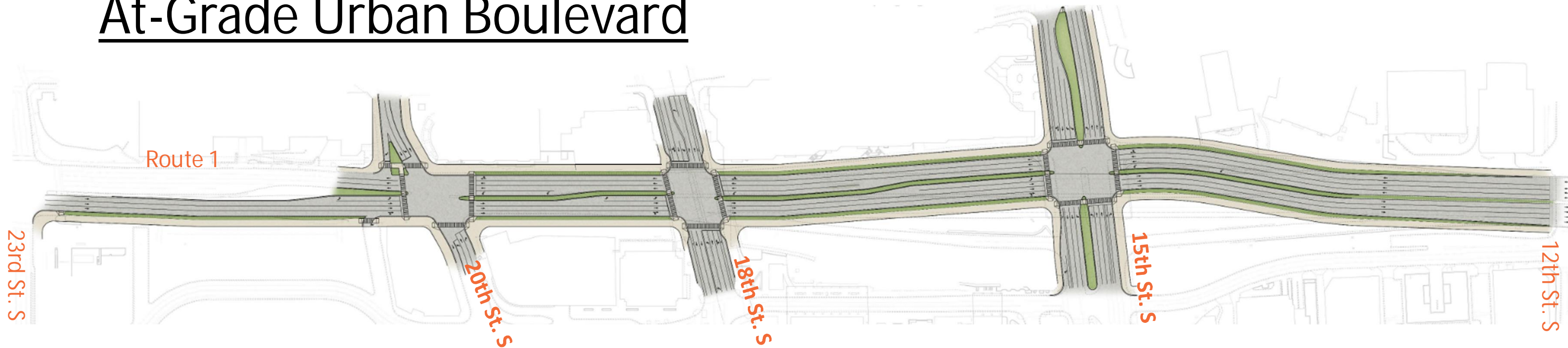
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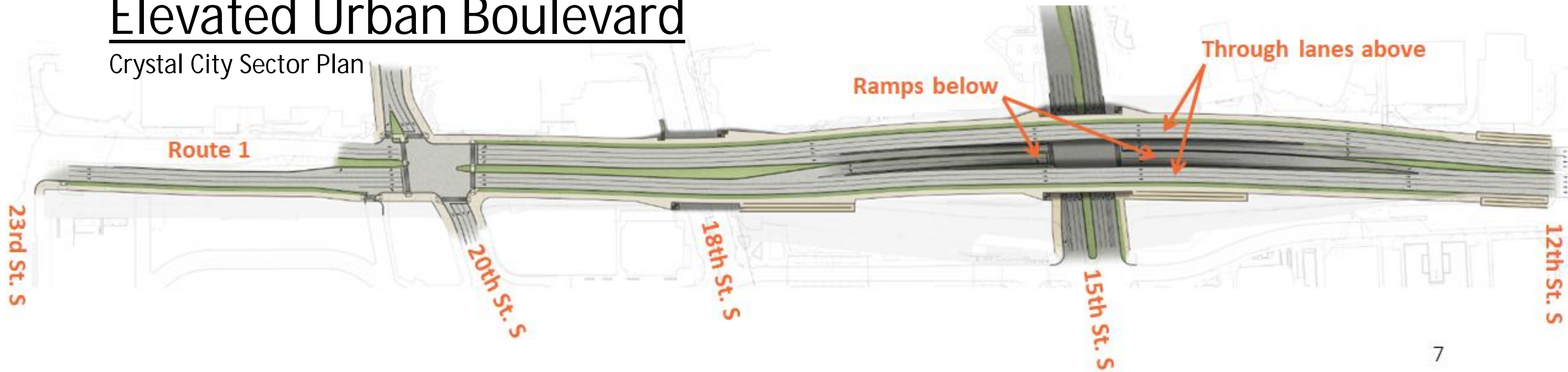
# Concept Development

## At-Grade Urban Boulevard



## Elevated Urban Boulevard

Crystal City Sector Plan



# Concept Development

## Testing At-Grade Intersection Configurations



### Screening Analysis



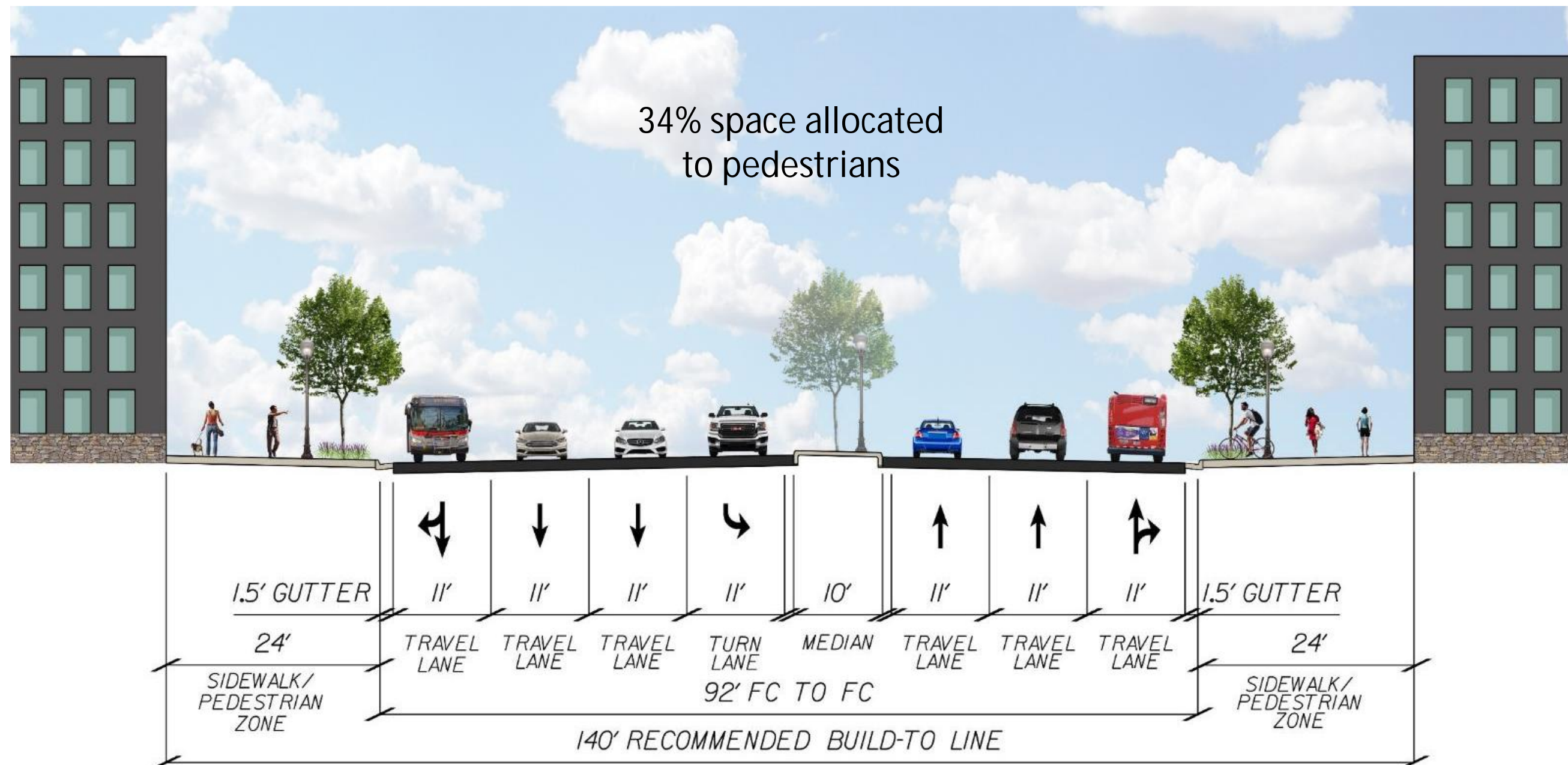
Scenario Name	ST	SB	NB	2025 AM		2040 AM		2025 PM		2040 PM	
				15th	18th	15th	18th	15th	18th	15th	18th
At-Grade Concept A: Dual SB Lefts, Single SB Right @ 15 <sup>th</sup> (9 lanes)	15 <sup>th</sup>	JUUU	UUU	F (82 s)	D (48 s)	F (180 s)	F (122 s)	D (47 s)	D (36 s)	F (82 s)	D (49 s)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	JUU	UUU								
At-Grade Concept B: Single SB Left & Right @ 15 <sup>th</sup> (8 lanes)	15 <sup>th</sup>	JUUU	UUU	F (135 s)	D (48 s)	F (217 s)	F (122 s)	D (48 s)	D (36 s)	F (95 s)	D (48 s)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	JUU	UUU								
At-Grade Concept C: Single Left & Shared Thru/Right (7 lanes)	15 <sup>th</sup>	JUUU	UUU	F (137 s)	D (50 s)	F (221 s)	F (122 s)	F (83 s)	D (33 s)	F (162 s)	D (47 s)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	JUU	UUU								
At-Grade Concept D: Dual SB Lefts, Single SB Right @ 15 <sup>th</sup> (9 lanes); no LT @ 18 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	JUUU	UUU	F (124 s)	C (23 s)	F (168 s)	C (32 s)	E (56 s)	C (20 s)	F (95 s)	C (21 s)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	JUU	UUU								
At-Grade Concept E: Concept A w/ 2 Thru Lanes on Rte 1 (7 lanes)	15 <sup>th</sup>	JUUU	UUU	F (119 s)	E (74 s)	F (228 s)	F (154 s)	E (56 s)	E (60 s)	F (100 s)	F (103 s)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	JUU	UUU								
At-Grade Concept F: Concept A w/ No Left Turns at 15 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> (7 lanes @ 15 <sup>th</sup> , 6 lanes @ 18 <sup>th</sup> )	15 <sup>th</sup>	JUU	UUU	D (47 s)	D (39 s)	F (102 s)	F (81 s)	C (30 s)	D (40 s)	D (44 s)	D (51 s)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	JUU	UUU								
Sector Plan Concept: Inverted SPUI				Not Analyzed Yet	N/A	C (23 s)	N/A	Not Analyzed Yet	N/A	D (43 s)	N/A

- Conventional 4-way intersections extremely congested—lots of “red”—with design volumes, unless more turn lanes added ⇒ No! Not conducive for pedestrians or vision for Crystal City
- Selected maximum 7 lanes and conducted detailed traffic analysis on three concepts
  - C – All turning movements permitted at 15<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Street intersections ⇒ 7 lanes (Concept 1)
  - F – Left turns from Route 1 prohibited at 15<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Street intersections ⇒ 6 lanes (Concept 2)
  - G – “Hybrid” (left turns at Route 1/15<sup>th</sup> St, no left turns at Route 1/18<sup>th</sup> St) at request of Arlington County staff (Concept 3)
- Performed sensitivity analysis to determine traffic volumes that can be supported with acceptable Level of Service
- Key question: How much diversion of traffic occurs with less capacity or restricted movements on Route 1, and where will this traffic go?



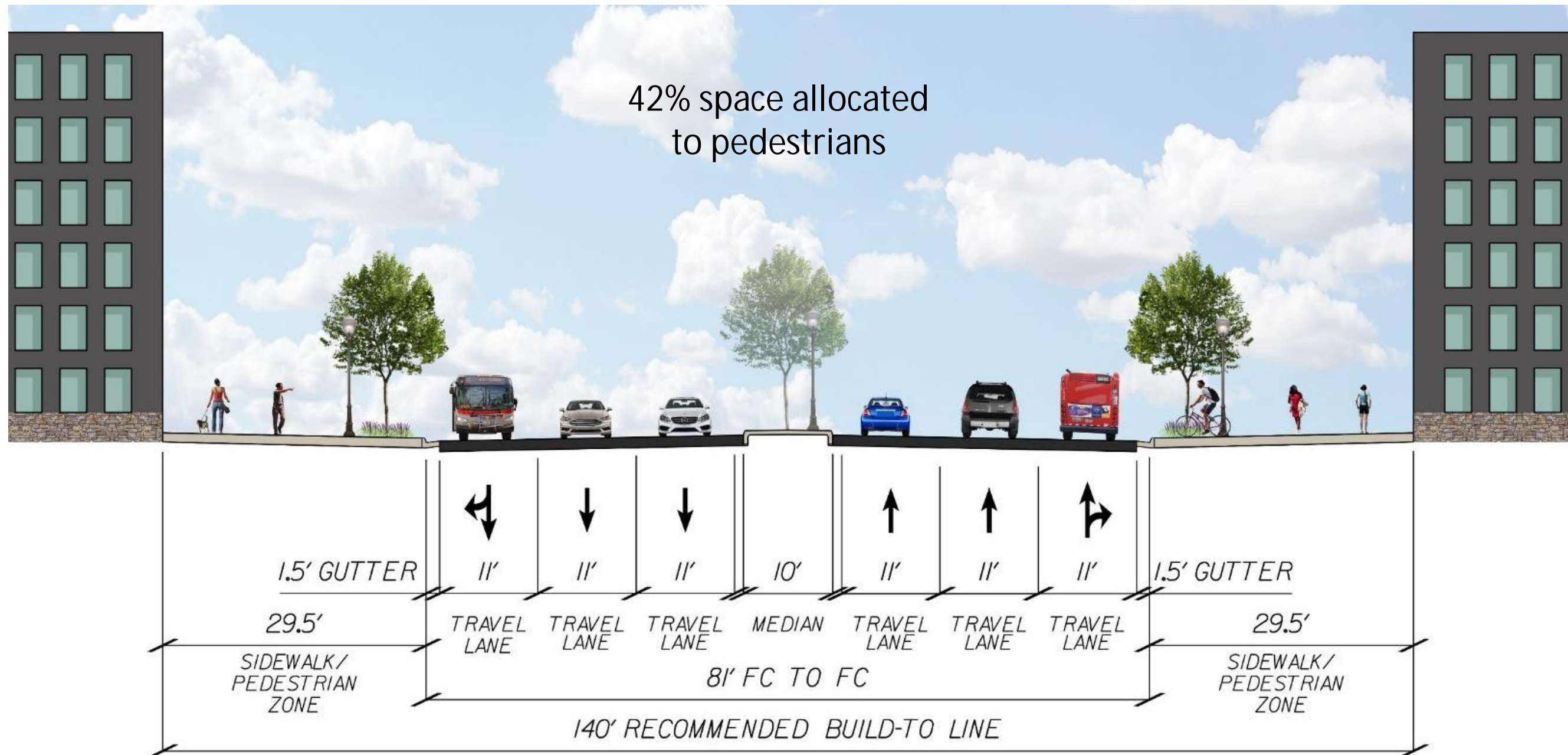
# At-Grade Concept 1

*All turns permitted – 7 lane pedestrian crossing*



# At-Grade Concept 2

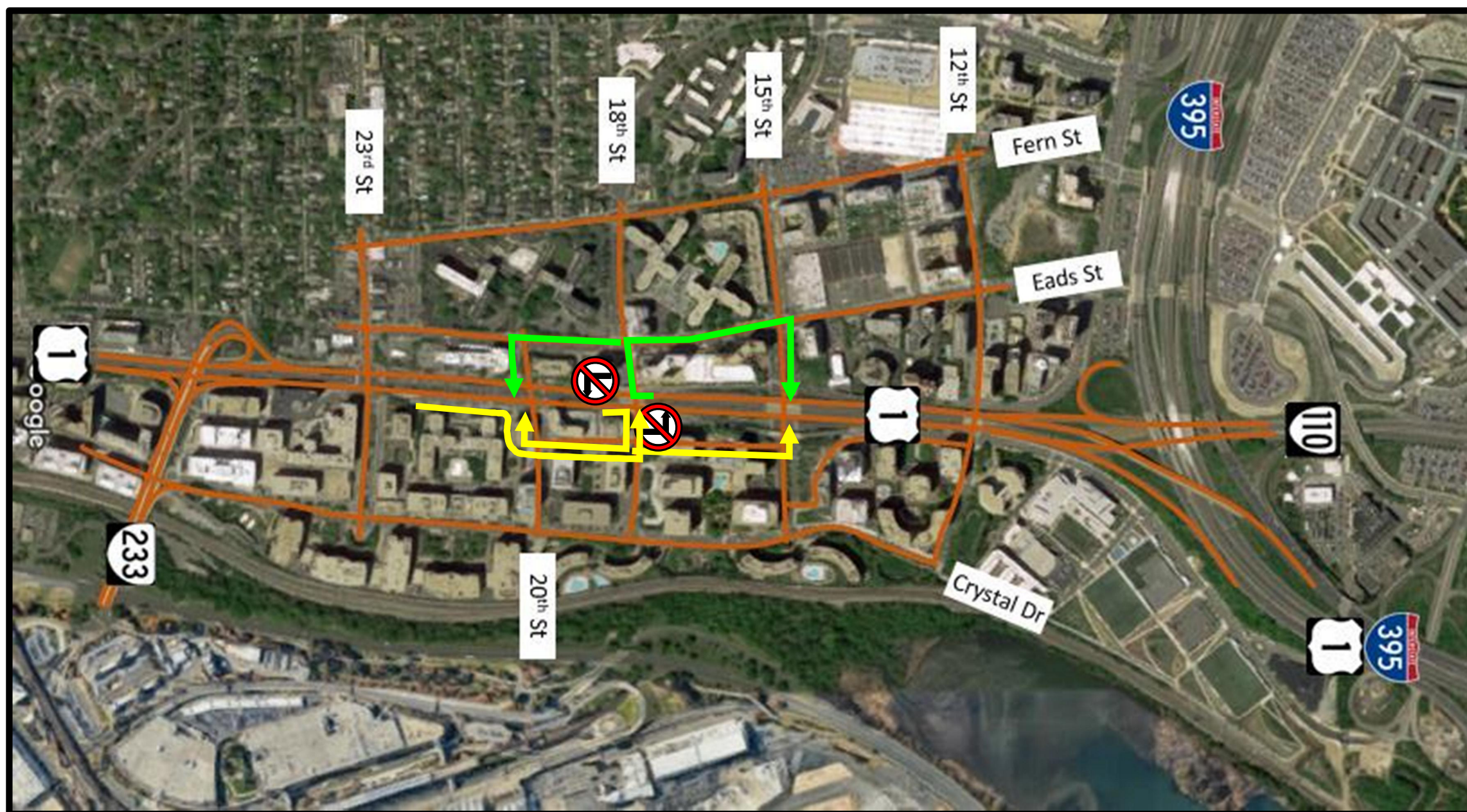
*No left turns from Route 1 – 6 lane pedestrian crossing*





# At-Grade Concept 2

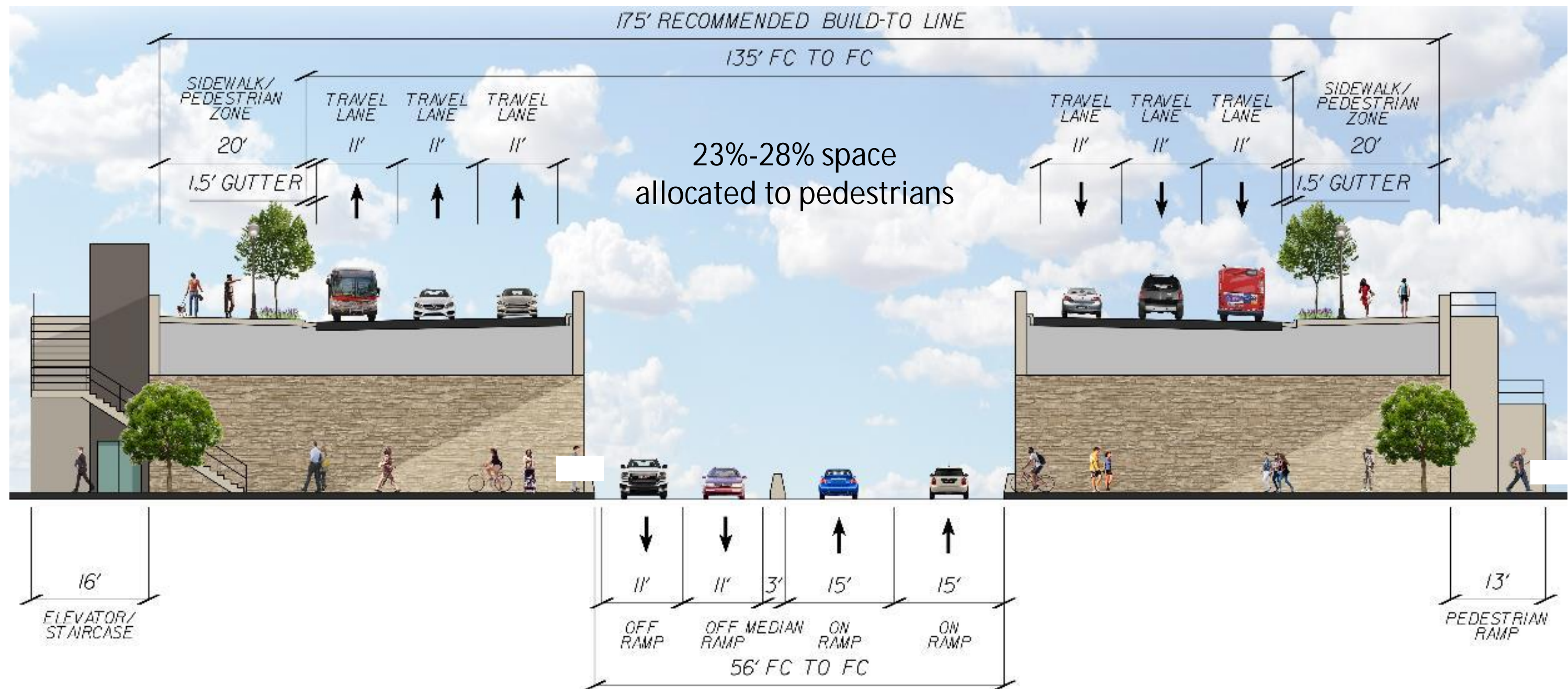
No left turns from Route 1 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street





# Elevated Concept

## Sector Plan Configuration

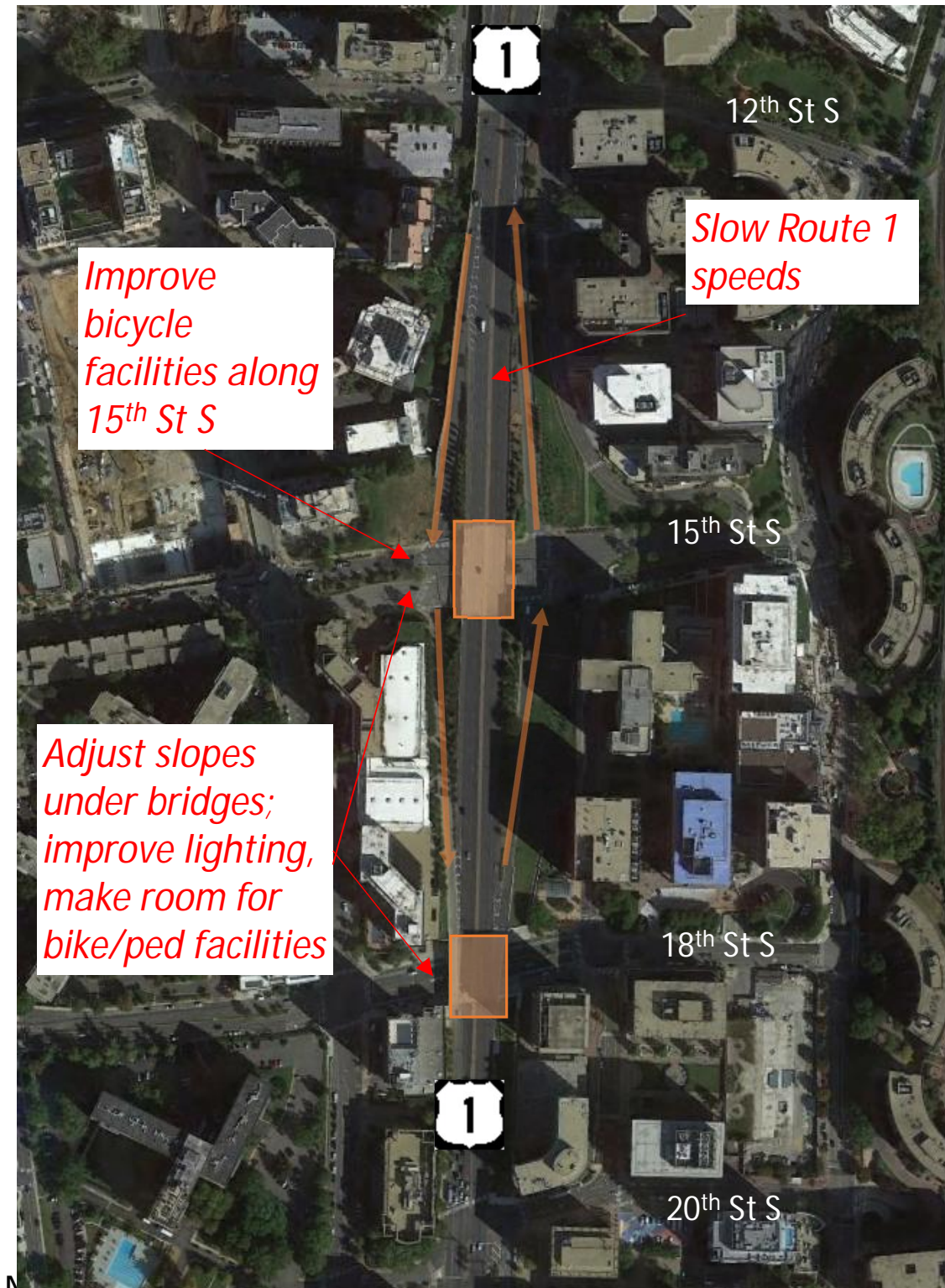




# Existing Configuration with Improvements



- Improvements
  - Slow Route 1 traffic with signage, pavement markings/rumble strips, and speed feedback signs
  - Adjust slopes under bridges at 15th Street to expand bike and ped travelways
  - WB bicycle lane on 15th Street
  - Upgraded lighting under bridges
  - Relocated lighting from out of sidewalks
  - Mill and overlay pavements
  - Improved pavement markings
- Note: Wider sidewalks/landscaping tied to redevelopment



# Pedestrian Forecasts & Capacity of At-Grade Intersections



# Pedestrian Crossing Capacity – At Grade



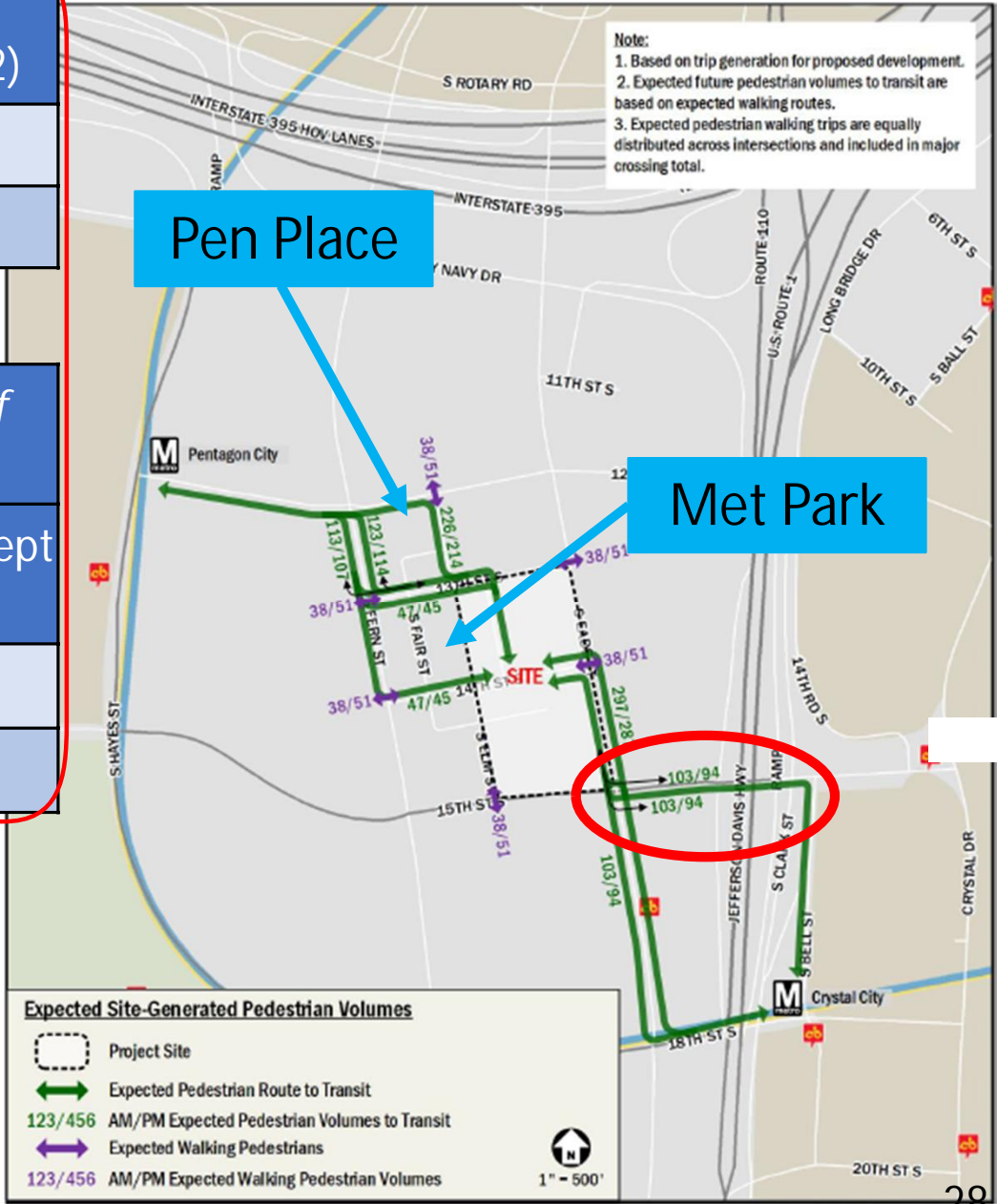
2040 AM Peak Hour:

EB/WB	Existing Ped Volume	Forecasted Ped Volume	Estimated Ped Capacity of EB/WB Crossing of Route 1		
			Existing/No-Build	Build (Concept 1)	Build (Concept 2)
15th	30	270	5,200	1,440	1,680
18th	360	720	8,000	1,680	1,680

2040 PM Peak Hour:

EB/WB	Existing Ped Volume	Forecasted Ped Volume	Estimated Ped Capacity of EB/WB Crossing of Route 1		
			Existing/No-Build	Build (Concept 1)	Build (Concept 2)
15th	60	300	5,200	1,200	1,520
18th	630	1,270	8,000	1,440	1,760

Future ped forecasts account for Amazon and adjacent developments



At-grade build concepts have sufficient capacity for 2040 demand



# Traffic Analysis for At-Grade Concepts





## At-Grade Options: Key Traffic Challenges/Constraints

S Fern St

S Eads St



23rd St S

20th St S

18th St S

Crystal Drive



Bus Transfers  
along SB Bell

15th St S

12th St S

S Fern St

S Eads St

Southbound Route 1:  
queue spillback in PM  
peak affecting I-  
395/Route 110



Eastbound 15<sup>th</sup> Street:  
heavy left-turn  
movement to  
northbound Route 1  
creating queue  
spillback; affecting  
north/south side streets

18<sup>th</sup> Street: closely-spaced signals and heavy  
pedestrian volumes affecting circulation, bus  
operations along southbound Bell Street for  
Metro station

Eastbound 18<sup>th</sup> Street progression impacted by  
Route 1 signal – limited queue storage eastbound  
at Bell Street

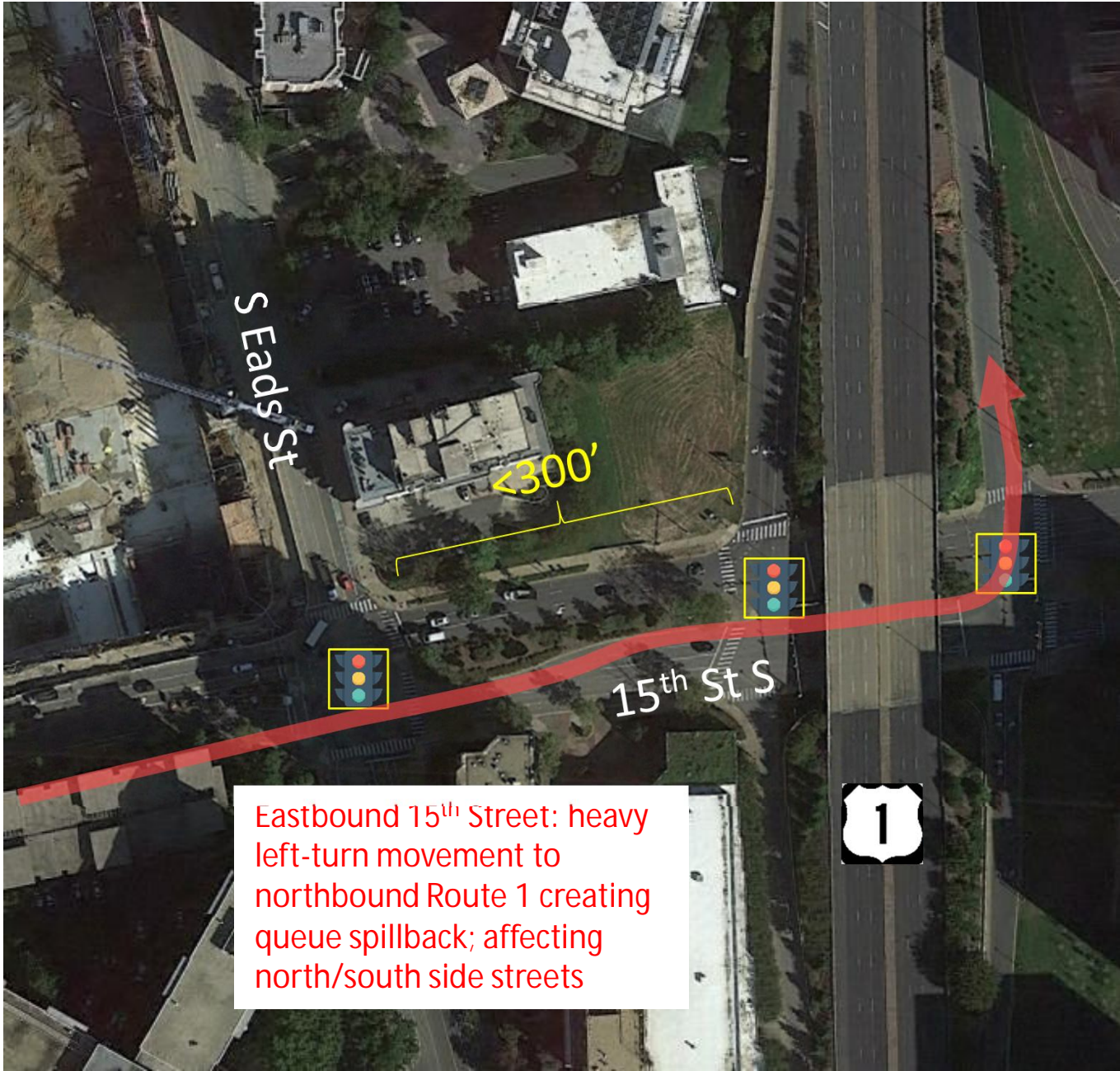


Vehicle delays impact bus  
travel times, especially  
southbound Bell Street  
near 18<sup>th</sup> Street

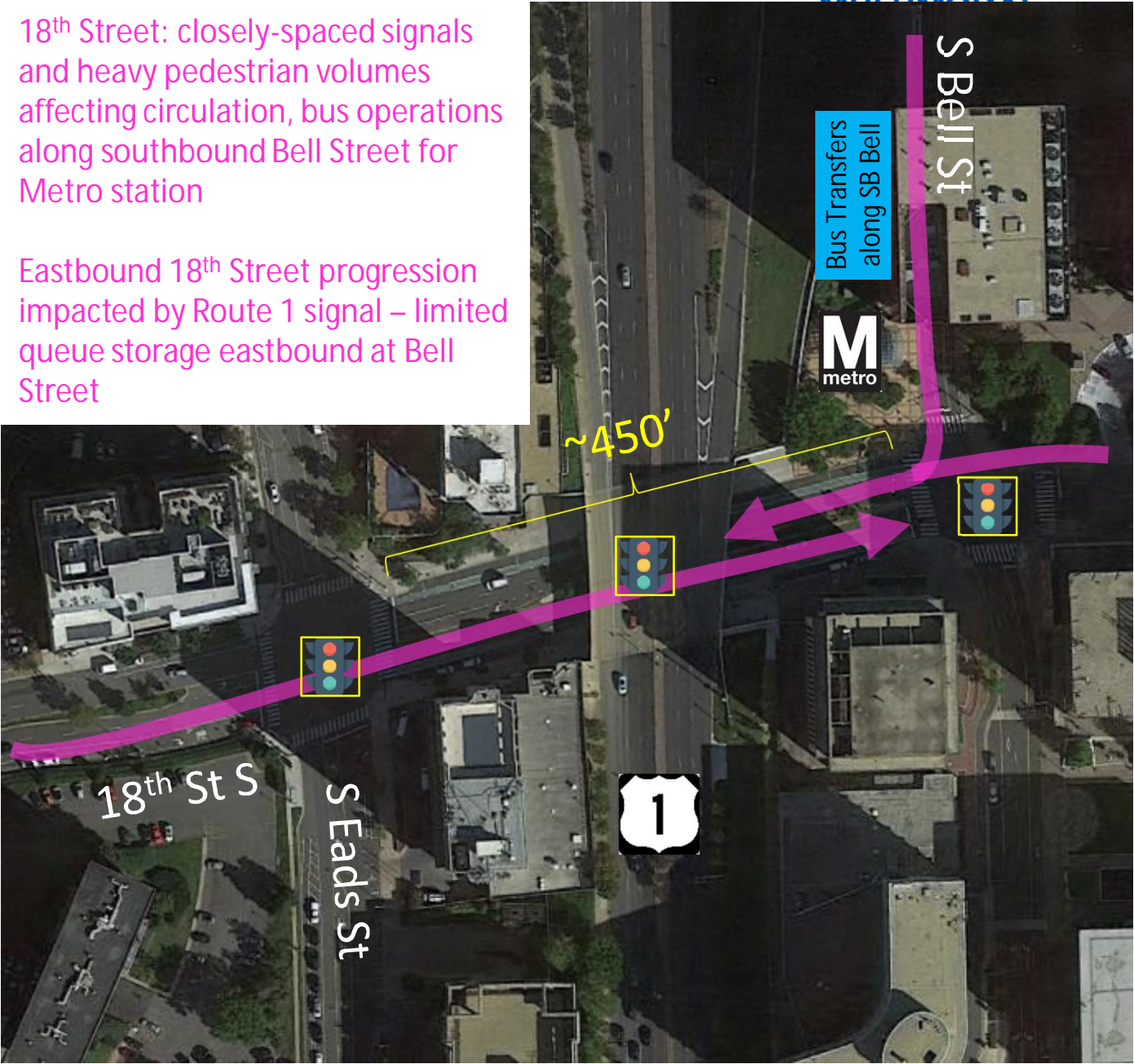


At-Grade Options: Key Traffic Challenges/Constraints

Route 1 at 15<sup>th</sup> St S

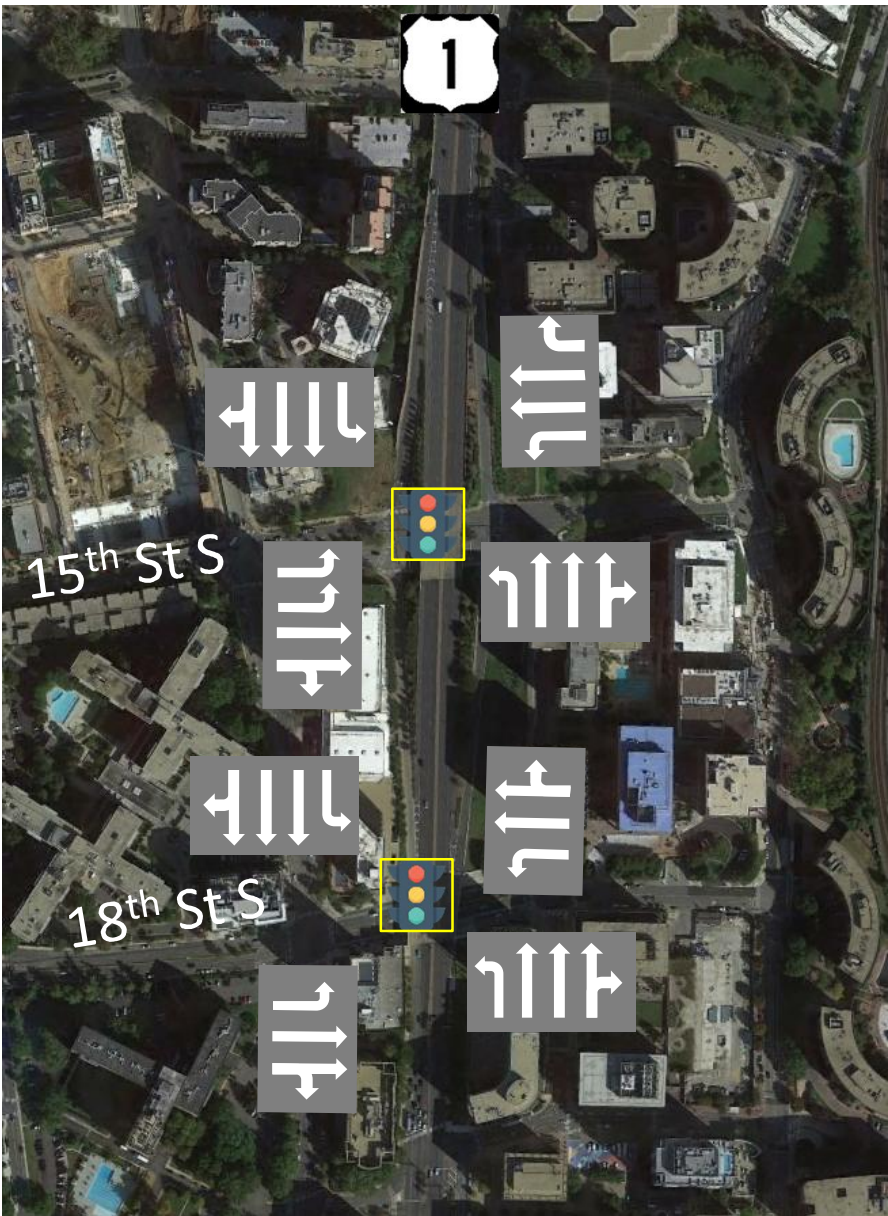


Route 1 at 18<sup>th</sup> St S



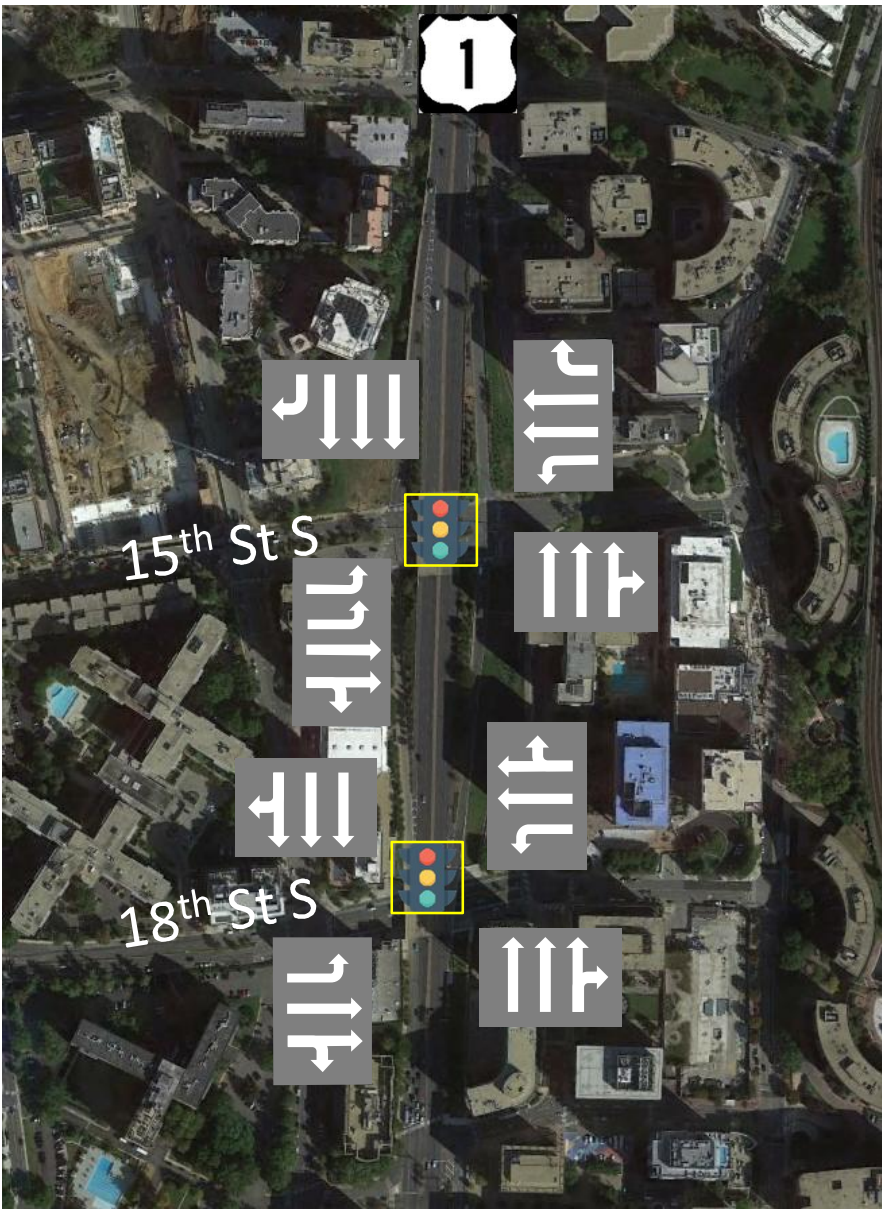


# Summary of At-Grade Options



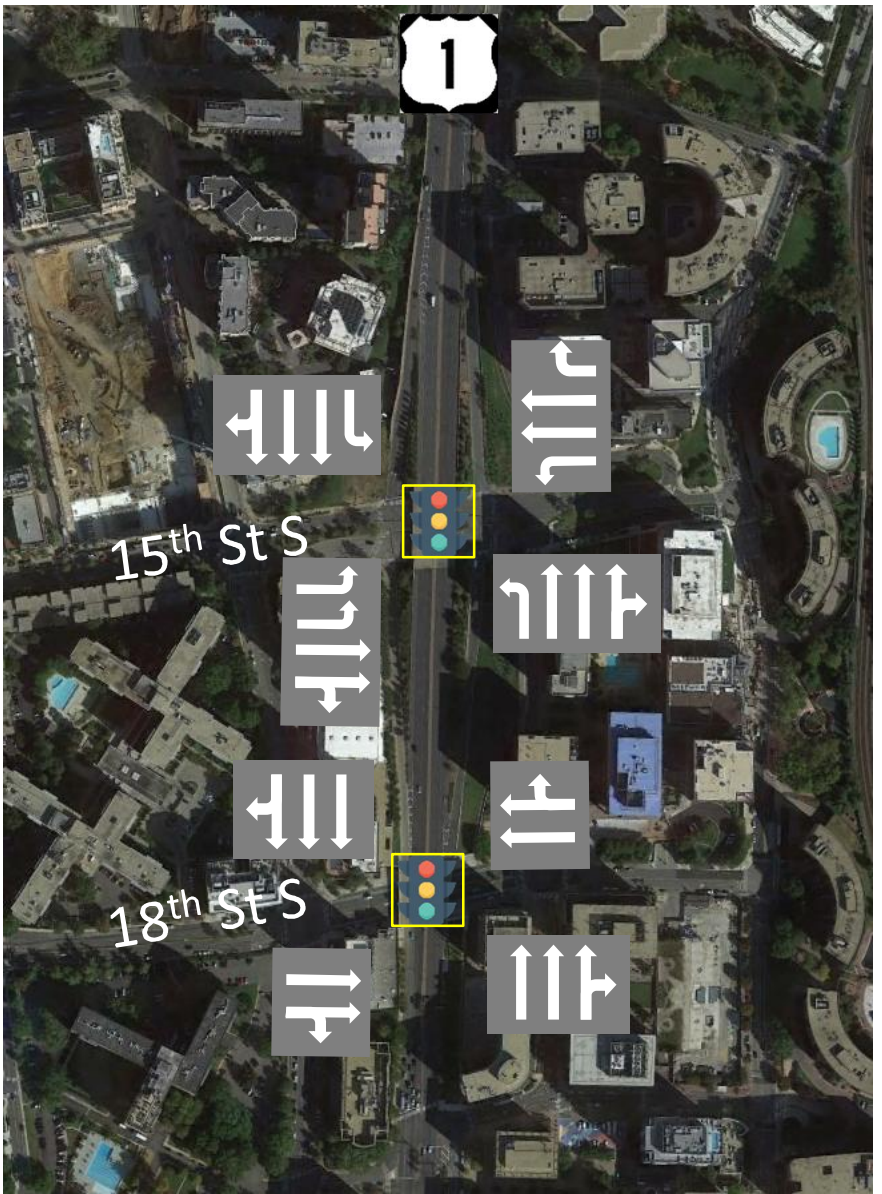
Option 1

Left-Turns at both 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>



Option 2

No Left-Turns from Route 1 at 15<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>

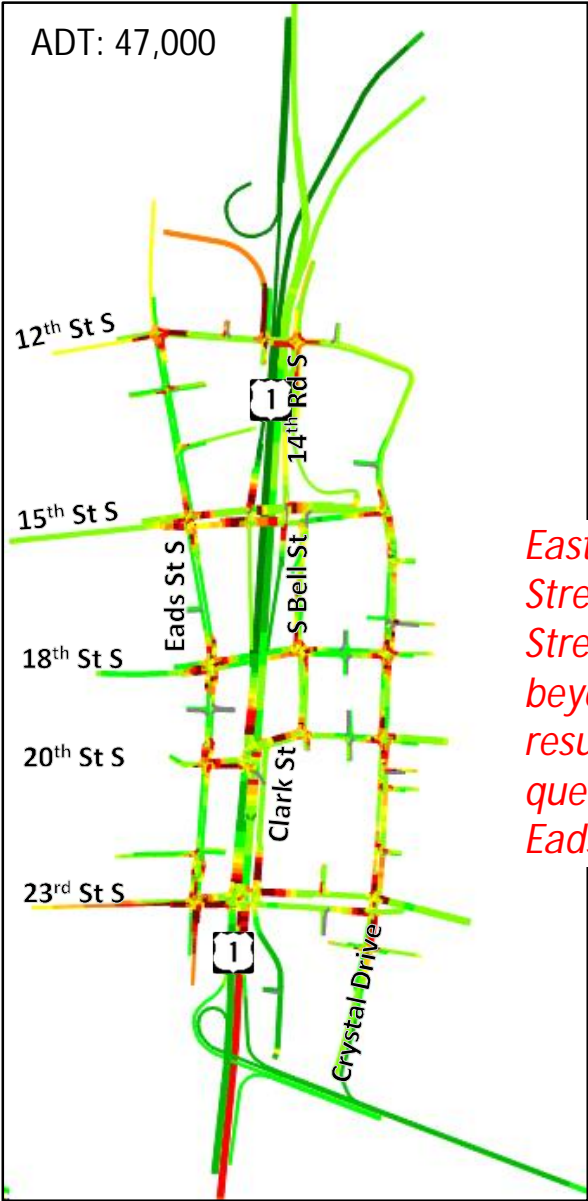


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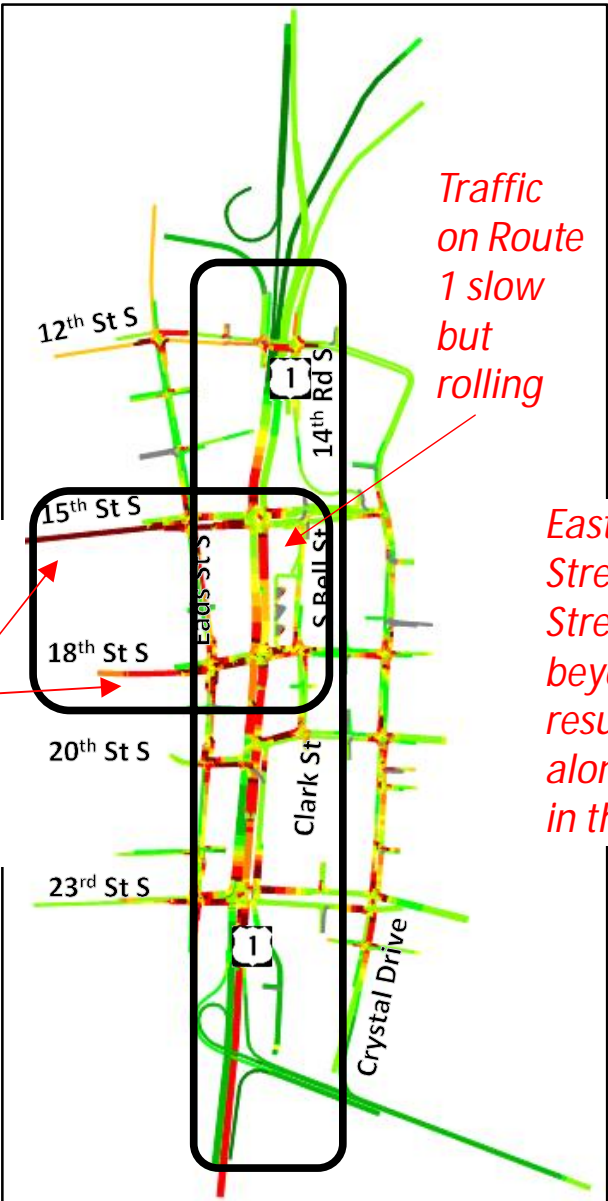
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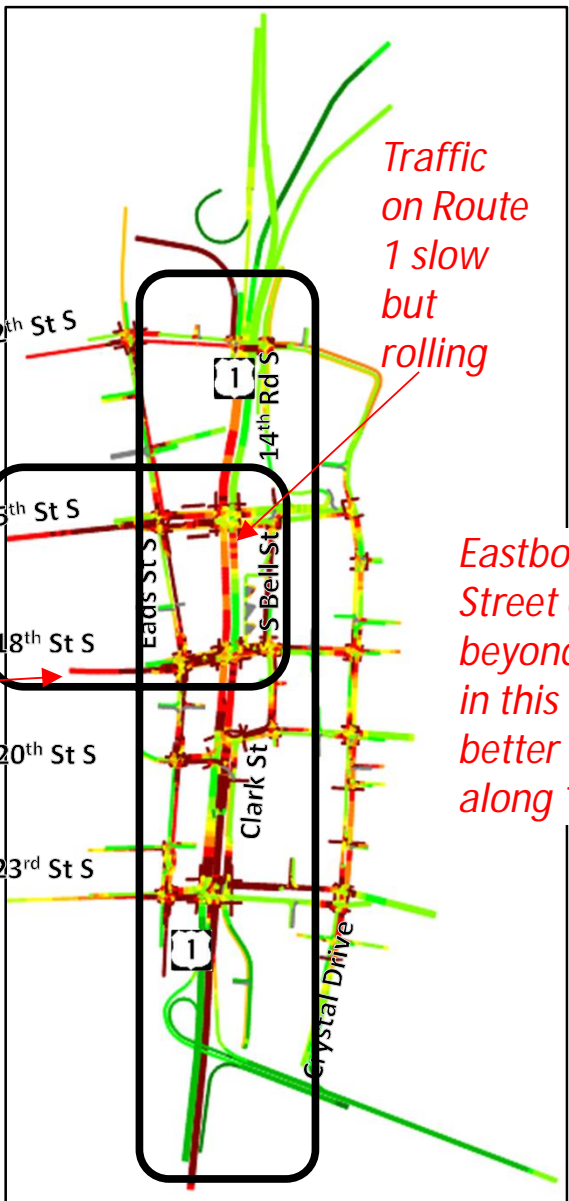
AM Peak Hour Speed Comparison with Existing (2019) Volumes



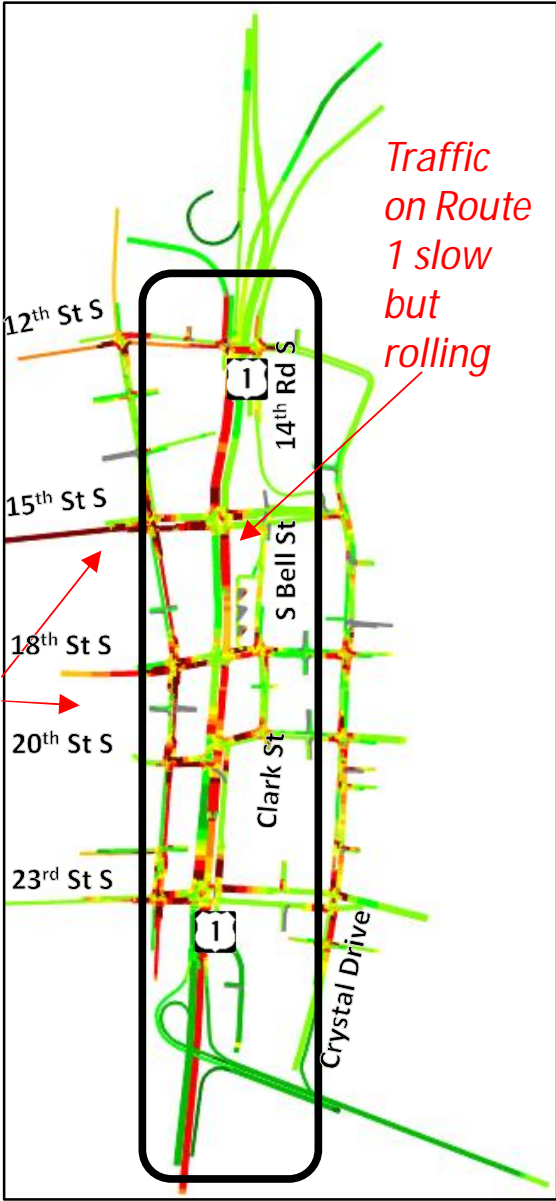
Configuration: Existing (Elevated)  
Volumes: Existing (2019)



Configuration: At-Grade Option 1  
Volumes: Existing (2019)



Configuration: At-Grade Option 2  
Volumes: Existing (2019)



Configuration: At-Grade Option 3  
Volumes: Existing (2019)



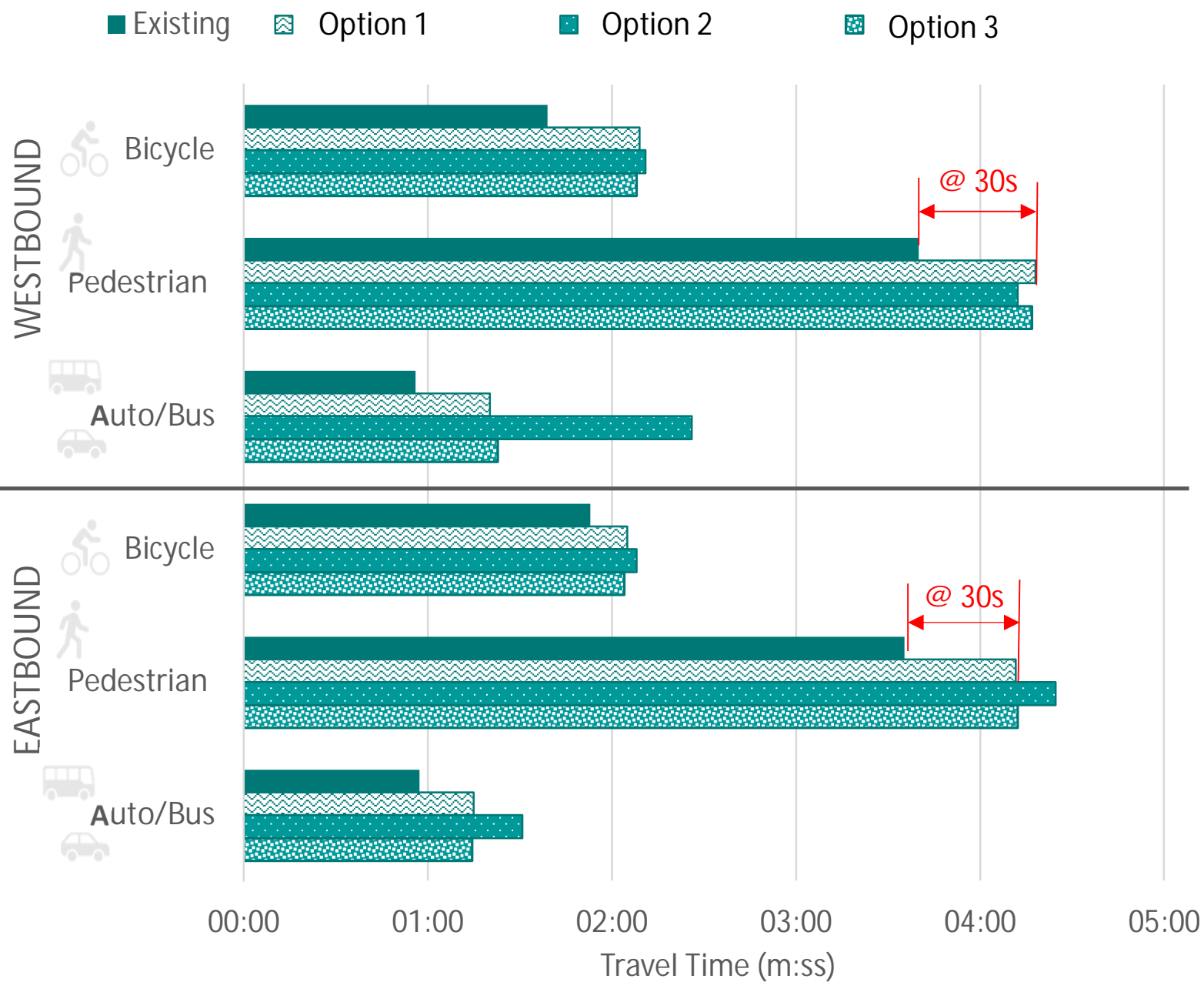
LEGEND		
Average Vehicle Speed (mph)		
≤ 3	≤ 15	≤ 35
≤ 6	≤ 18	> 35
≤ 9	≤ 25	
≤ 12	≤ 30	

# Travel Times on 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets (Eads to Bell) by Mode

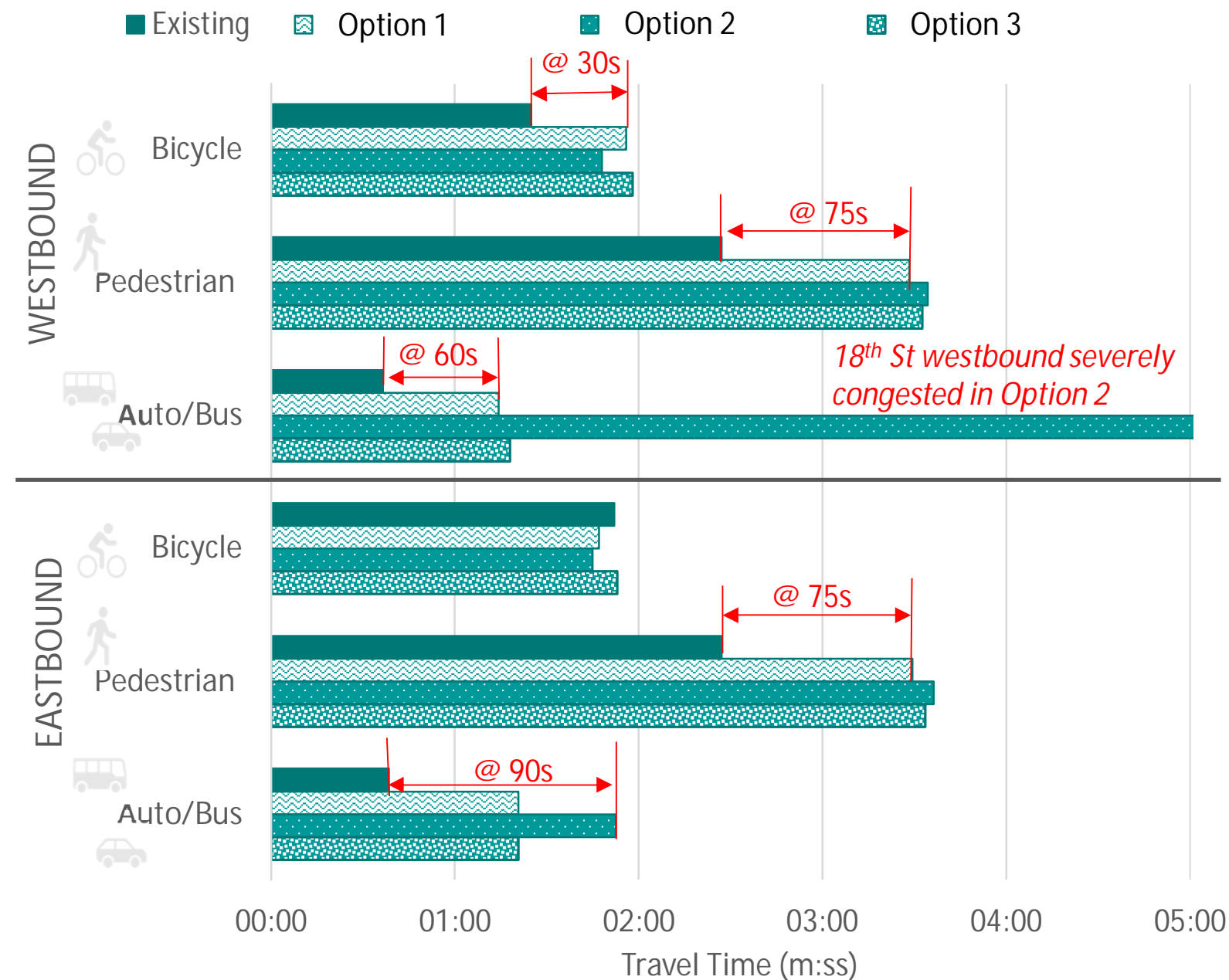
## Applying Existing (2019) AM Peak Hour Volumes



15th Street Travel Times with Existing (2019) Volumes



18th Street Travel Times

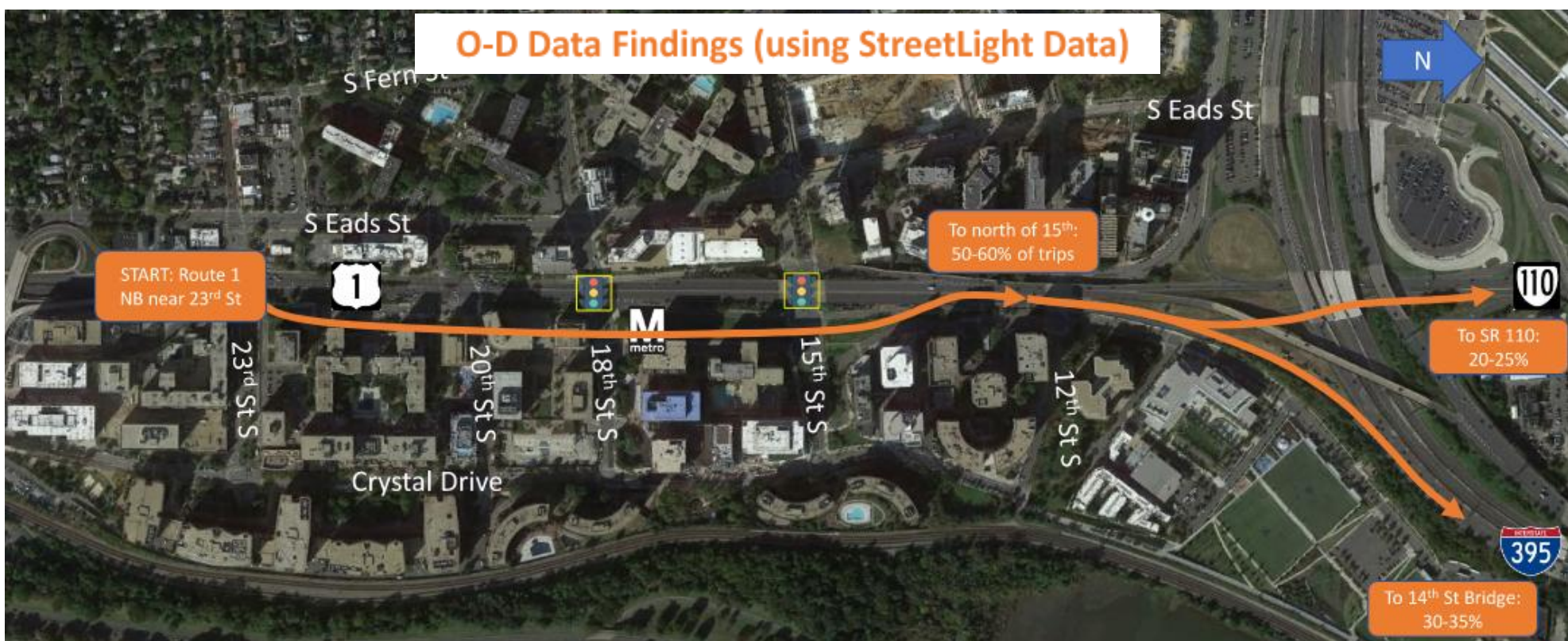




# Travel Demand Management (TDM)



# Origin and Destination Data



- 40% of trips along Route 1 have a start or end point somewhere off Route 1 near the study area.
- These turning movements onto and off of Route 1 need to be accounted for without causing spillback onto the side streets and nearby neighborhoods

Origin Location	Destination				
	District of Columbia	Pentagon City/Crystal City Neighborhoods	Rosslyn/Ballston Corridor	Arlington County – Other	Outside of Arlington or DC
Pentagon City Neighborhood	36%	14%	8%	22%	20%
15 <sup>th</sup> St EB between Eads and Route 1	39%	22%	7%	13%	19%
Route 1 NB on-ramp from 15 <sup>th</sup>	73%	2%	11%	2%	11%

Average weekday AM peak hour in 2019



# Potential TDM Targets

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## *Potential Targets for Shift to Transit*

- Through trips (60%) given the significant transit investments in Crystal City/Pentagon City
- Large number vehicle trips originating in Pentagon City (36%) that are destined for Washington, DC
- Vehicular trips starting in Pentagon City that are destined for the Rosslyn/Ballston Corridor (8%)

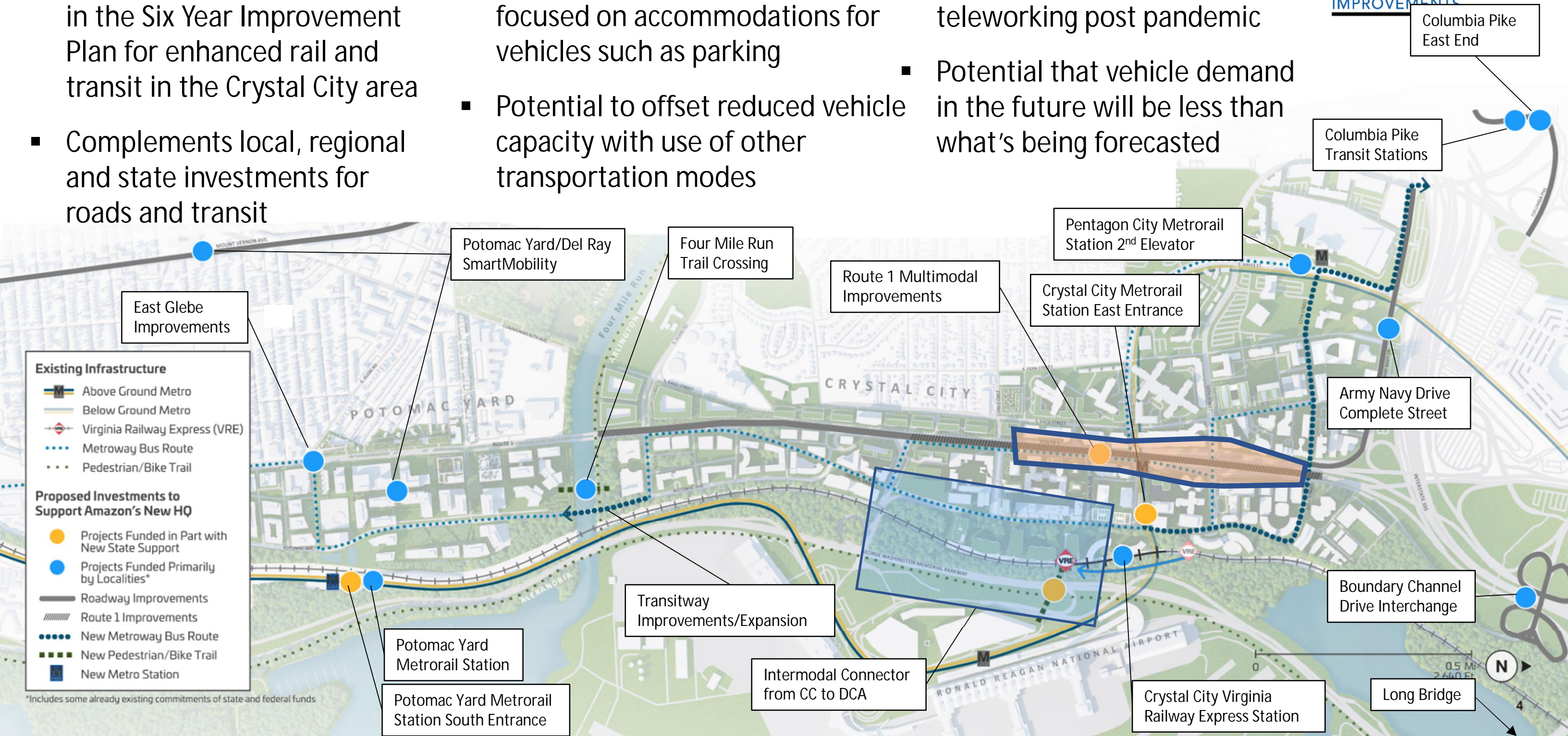
## *Potential Targets for Shift to Bike/Walk*

- Vehicular trips starting in Pentagon City and using 15th Street and still ending in the Pentagon City/Crystal City area (14%)



# Significant National Landing Transit and Mobility Improvements


- Significant state investment is in the Six Year Improvement Plan for enhanced rail and transit in the Crystal City area
- Complements local, regional and state investments for roads and transit
- Ongoing development is less focused on accommodations for vehicles such as parking
- Potential to offset reduced vehicle capacity with use of other transportation modes
- Potential for sustained teleworking post pandemic
- Potential that vehicle demand in the future will be less than what's being forecasted





# Estimated Capacity – Parallel Transit Options



Mode	Serves	Estimated Capacity (Persons Moved per Hour <i>in Peak Direction</i> )
	Metrorail Fairfax, South Arlington/Alexandria ⇔ North Arlington/Washington, DC	15,000 to 20,000
	VRE Fairfax/Prince William/Stafford/ Spotsylvania (or beyond) ⇔ Washington, DC	5,000 to 7,000
	Amtrak Richmond ⇔ Washington, DC	700 to 1,000
	BRT (Metroway) Old Town/Potomac Yard ⇔ Crystal City/Pentagon City	500 to 1,000

# Nationwide Elevated Freeways to At-Grade Projects

## Comparison to Route 1



Project Description	Traffic Volume Change		Project Take-Aways for Route 1 Study
	Before Freeway Removal	After Freeway Removal	
Embarcadero Freeway (📍 San Francisco, CA) <i>Freeway Removal (2002) to At-Grade Urban Boulevard due to earthquake damage</i>	AADT: 100,000+ in 1980s	AADT: 15,000 - 20,000 in 2010s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial traffic congestion was absorbed to the adjacent street network (robust grid of streets)</li> <li>Transit ridership increased 15%</li> </ul>
Central Freeway (📍 San Francisco, CA) <i>Freeway Removal (2002) to At-Grade Urban Boulevard due to earthquake damage</i>	AADT: 93,000 in early 2000s	AADT: 45,000 in late 2000s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boulevard distributes traffic evenly throughout the immediate neighborhood (robust grid of streets)</li> <li>Several sample points on adjacent neighborhood experienced decreases in traffic, while none experienced increases greater than 10%</li> </ul>
Park East Freeway (📍 Milwaukee, WI) <i>Freeway Removal (2002) to At-Grade Urban Boulevard due to under-utilization / desire to spur redevelopment</i>	AADT: 35,000 in 2000s	AADT: 23,000 - 26,000 in 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic congestion downtown remained "relatively modest" (robust grid of streets)</li> <li>Community development post-completion did not cause more congestion on the reduced-capacity boulevard</li> </ul>
Alaskan Way (📍 Seattle, WA) <i>Freeway Removal (2019) to At-Grade Urban Boulevard and Tunnel due to obsolete existing structure</i>	Peak Hour Volume*: 6,000 (viaduct + surface street)	Forecasted Peak Hour Volume*: 5,500 (tunnel + surface street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8-lane above-grade viaduct being replaced with 4-lane tolled tunnel; reconstructed surface boulevard to be completed this year</li> </ul>

\*Recent project; before-and-after AADT data not available



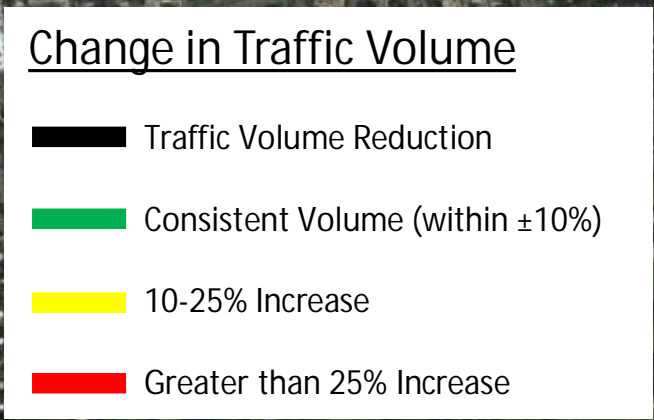


# Sensitivity Analyses





# Change in 2025 Average Daily Traffic Volumes



- Potential traffic diversion using regional travel demand model and assuming reduced Route 1 capacity
- Strengthening travel demand management will reduce vehicle trips and may reduce or eliminate diversion

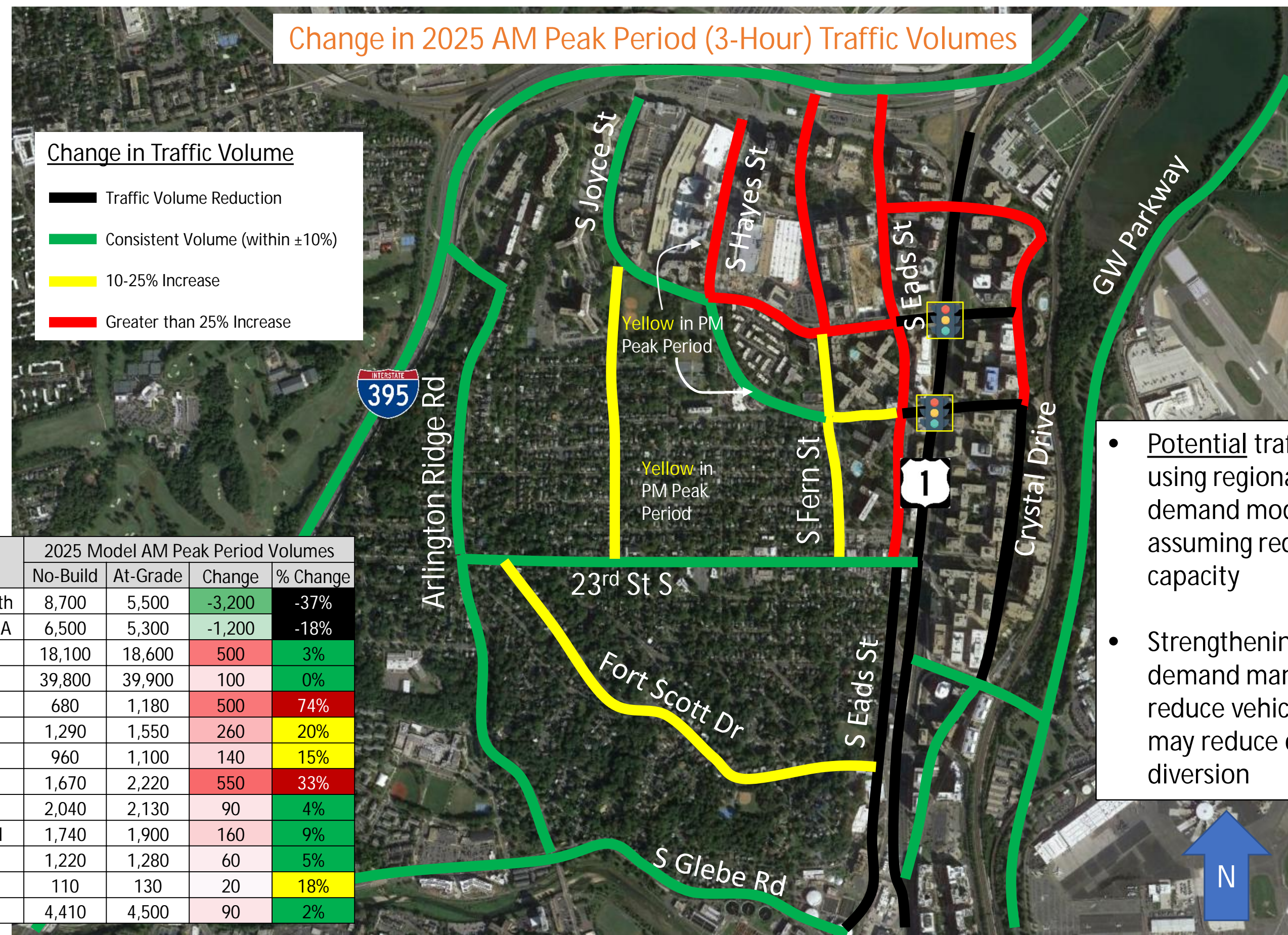
Facility		2025 Model Daily Volumes			
		No-Build	At-Grade	Change	% Change
Route 1	North of 15th	50,000	34,000	-16,000	-32%
	North of DCA	33,000	28,000	-5,000	-15%
GW Parkway		93,000	96,000	3,000	3%
I-395		215,000	217,000	2,000	1%
Crystal Drive		3,200	4,800	1,600	50%
S Eads St		5,600	7,300	1,700	30%
S Fern St		5,200	6,100	900	17%
S Hayes St		12,900	14,400	1,500	12%
S Joyce St		7,600	8,000	400	5%
Arlington Ridge Rd		11,700	12,500	800	7%
23rd St S		9,100	9,500	400	4%
Fort Scott Dr		900	1,000	100	11%
S Glebe Rd		22,100	22,800	700	3%



# Change in 2025 AM Peak Period (3-Hour) Traffic Volumes

## Change in Traffic Volume

- Traffic Volume Reduction
- Consistent Volume (within  $\pm 10\%$ )
- 10-25% Increase
- Greater than 25% Increase



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Facility		2025 Model AM Peak Period Volumes			
		No-Build	At-Grade	Change	% Change
Route 1	North of 15th	8,700	5,500	-3,200	-37%
	North of DCA	6,500	5,300	-1,200	-18%
GW Parkway		18,100	18,600	500	3%
I-395		39,800	39,900	100	0%
Crystal Drive		680	1,180	500	74%
S Eads St		1,290	1,550	260	20%
S Fern St		960	1,100	140	15%
S Hayes St		1,670	2,220	550	33%
S Joyce St		2,040	2,130	90	4%
Arlington Ridge Rd		1,740	1,900	160	9%
23rd St S		1,220	1,280	60	5%
Fort Scott Dr		110	130	20	18%
S Glebe Rd		4,410	4,500	90	2%

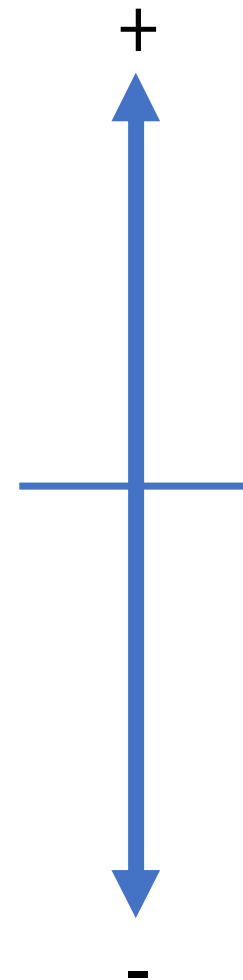


# Traffic Model Simulation Sensitivity Analyses



Traditional Forecasting  
Approach (Higher  
Vehicle Trips)

Travel Demand  
Management  
(Managing Vehicle  
Trips by Focusing on  
Other Travel Modes)



Year 2040 Traffic (From Arlington)

Year 2025 Traffic (From Arlington)

Existing Traffic (2019) without Amazon [Pre-COVID]

Existing Traffic with 10%  
reduction

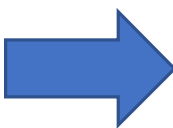
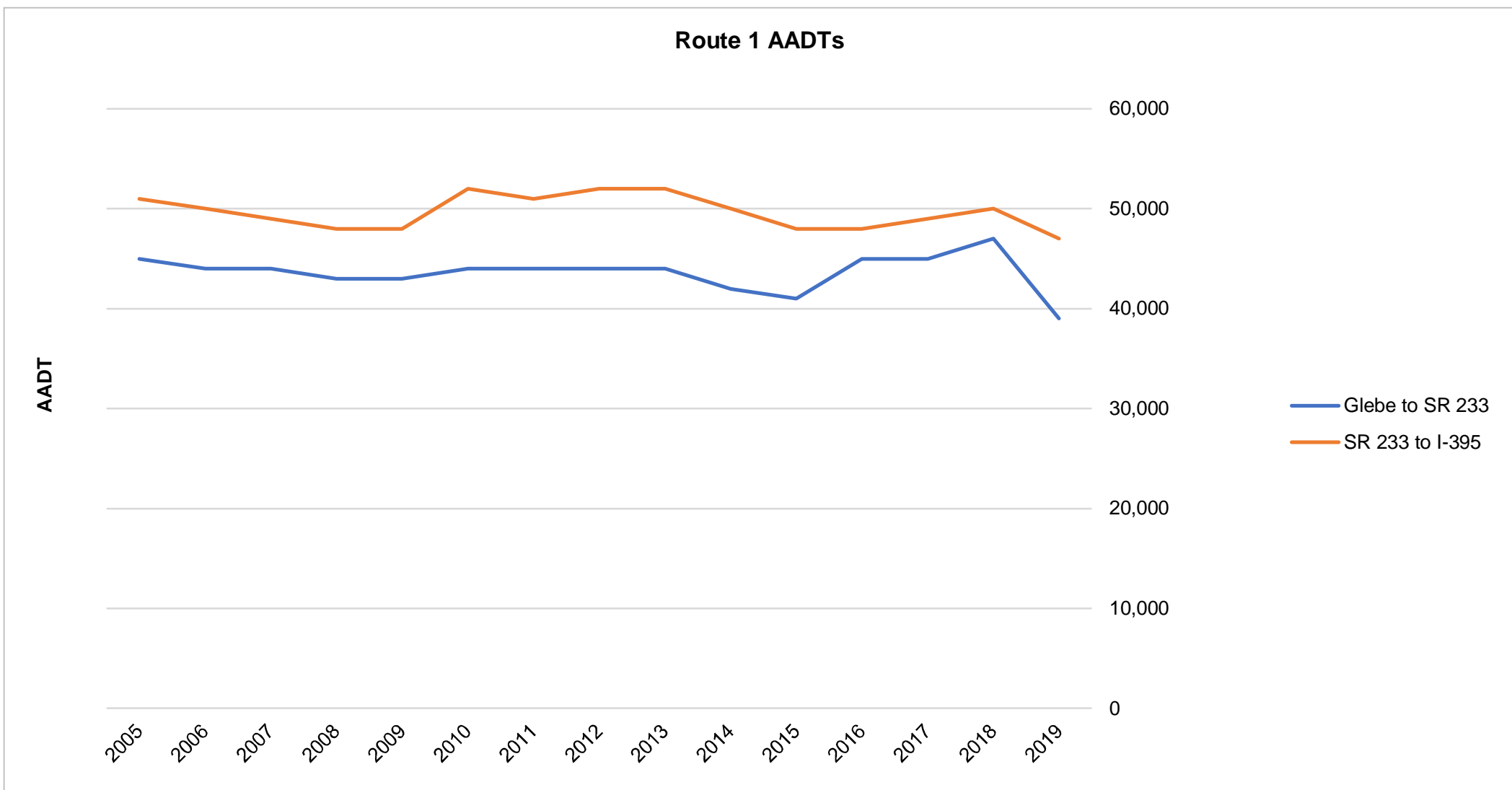
Existing Traffic with 20%  
reduction

Existing Traffic with 30% reduction  
of through Route 1 trips



# Traffic Model Simulation Sensitivity Analyses

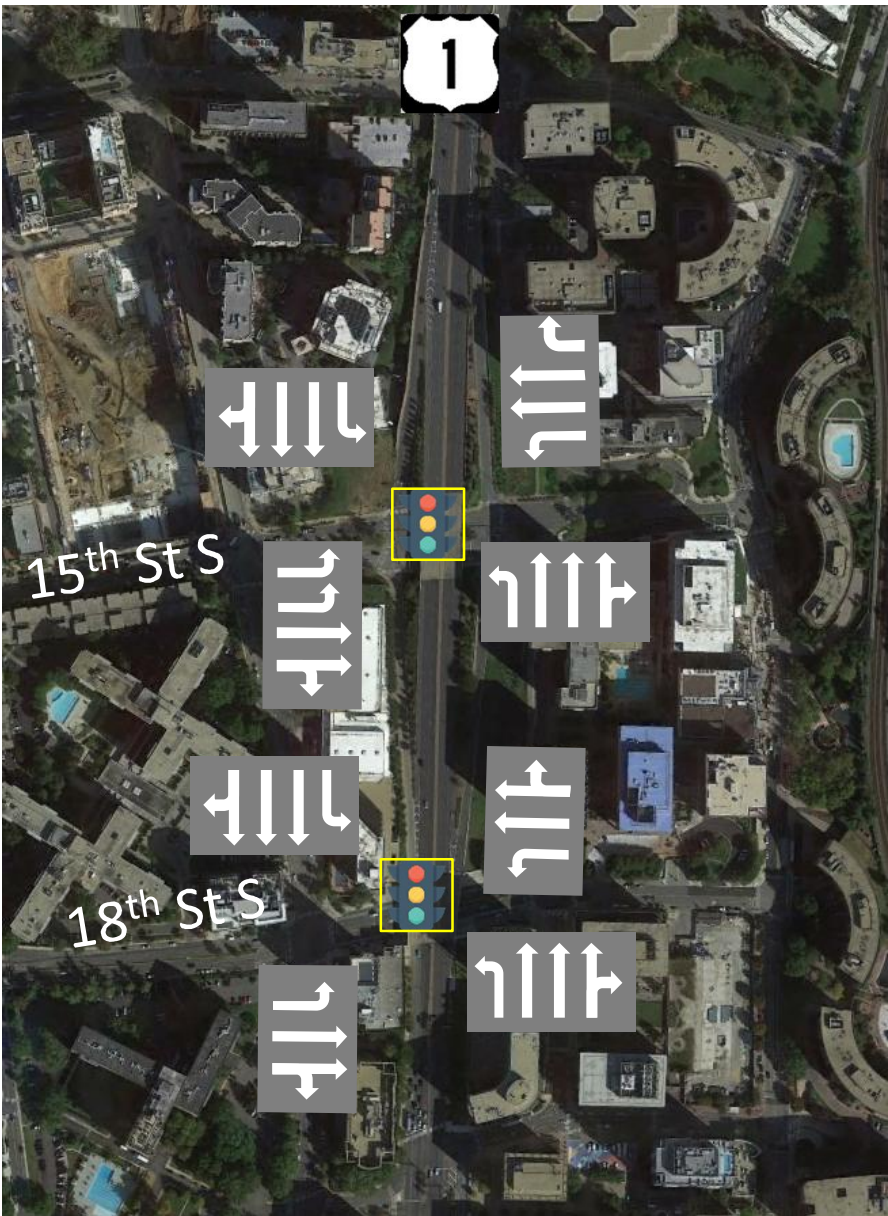
## Historic Route 1 Counts



*Traffic volumes along Route 1 have remained generally consistent (~50,000 vehicles per day) over the past 15+ years (prior to COVID-19)*

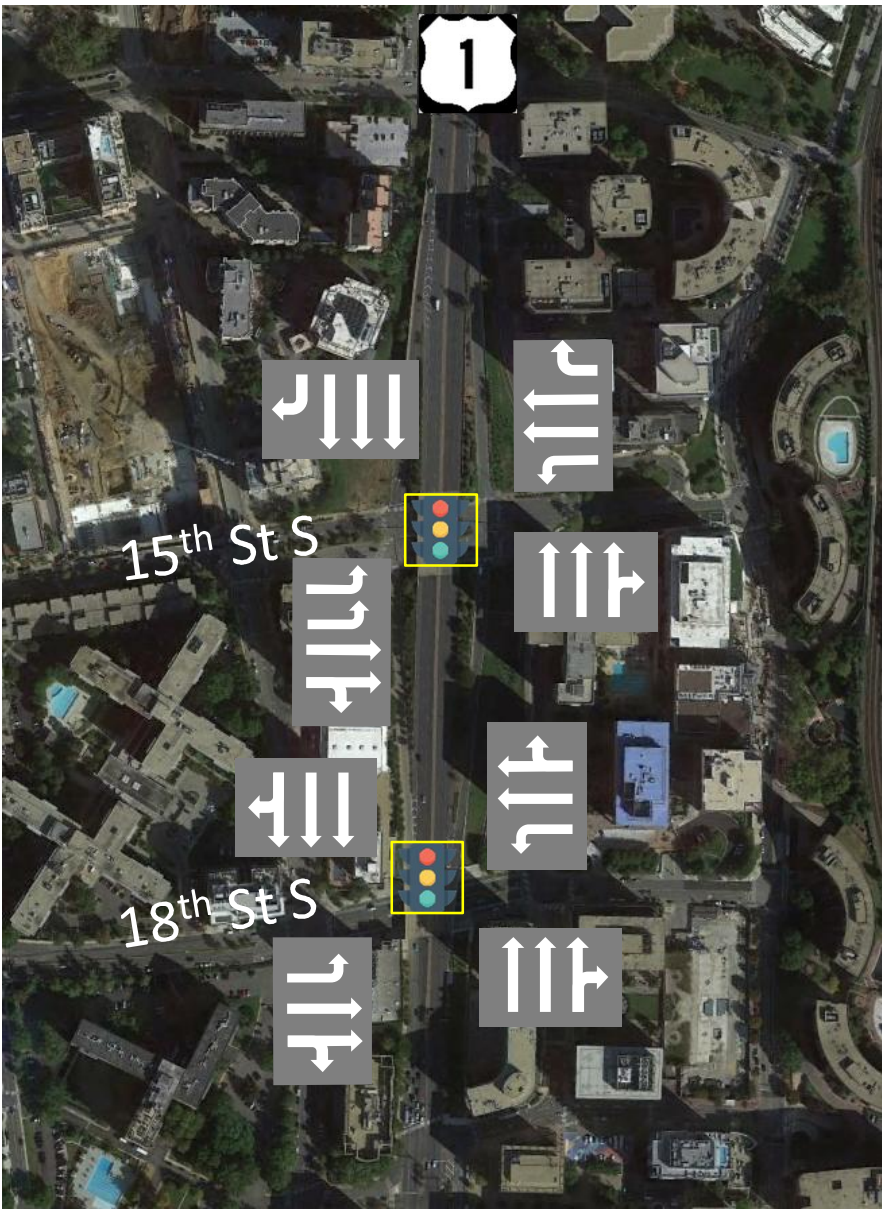


# Summary of At-Grade Options



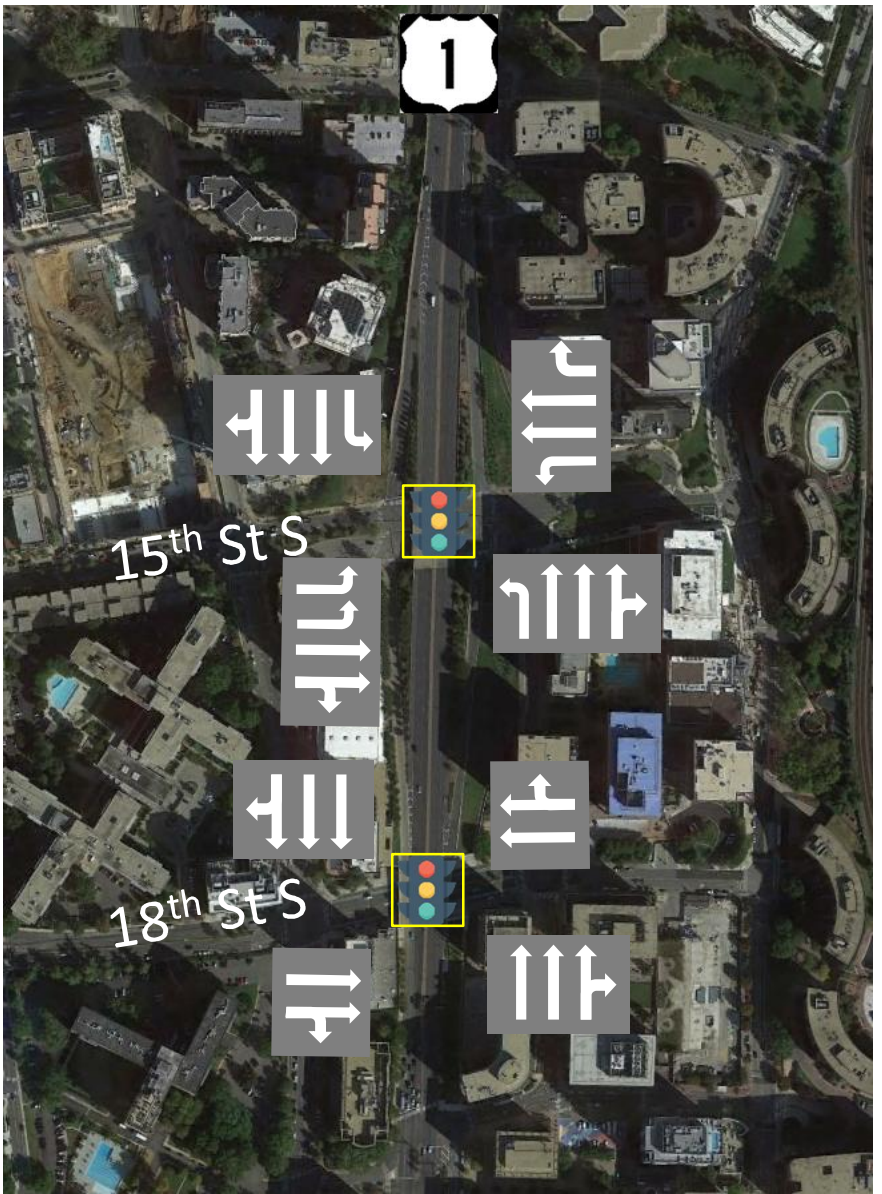
Option 1

Left-Turns at both 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>



Option 2

No Left-Turns from Route 1 at 15<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>



Option 3

Left-Turns at 15<sup>th</sup>, No Left-Turns at 18<sup>th</sup>

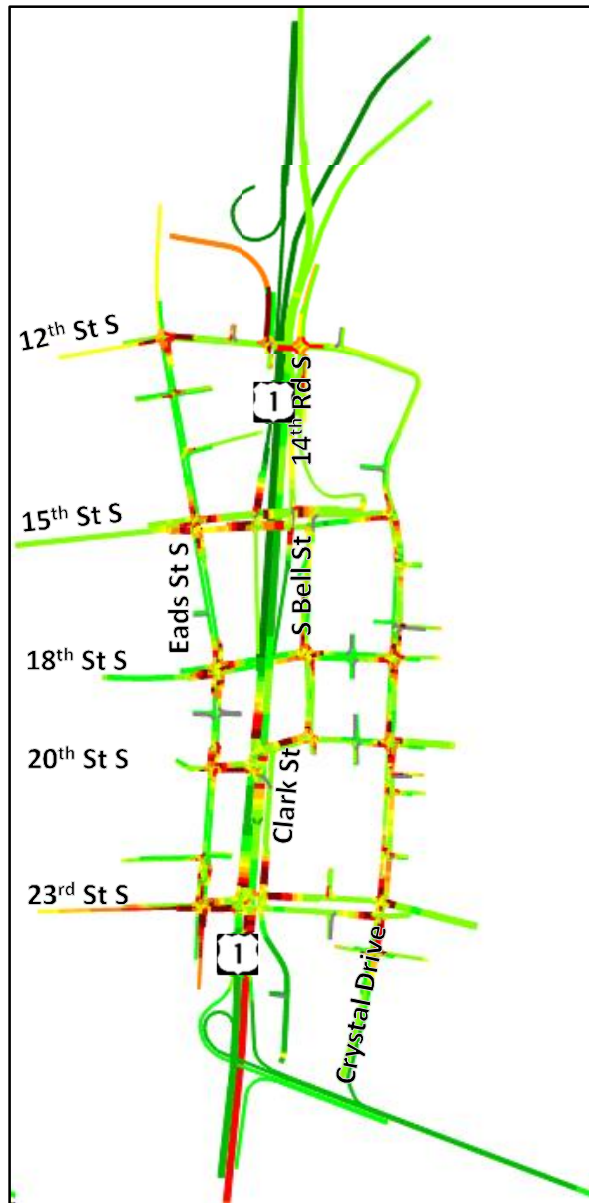




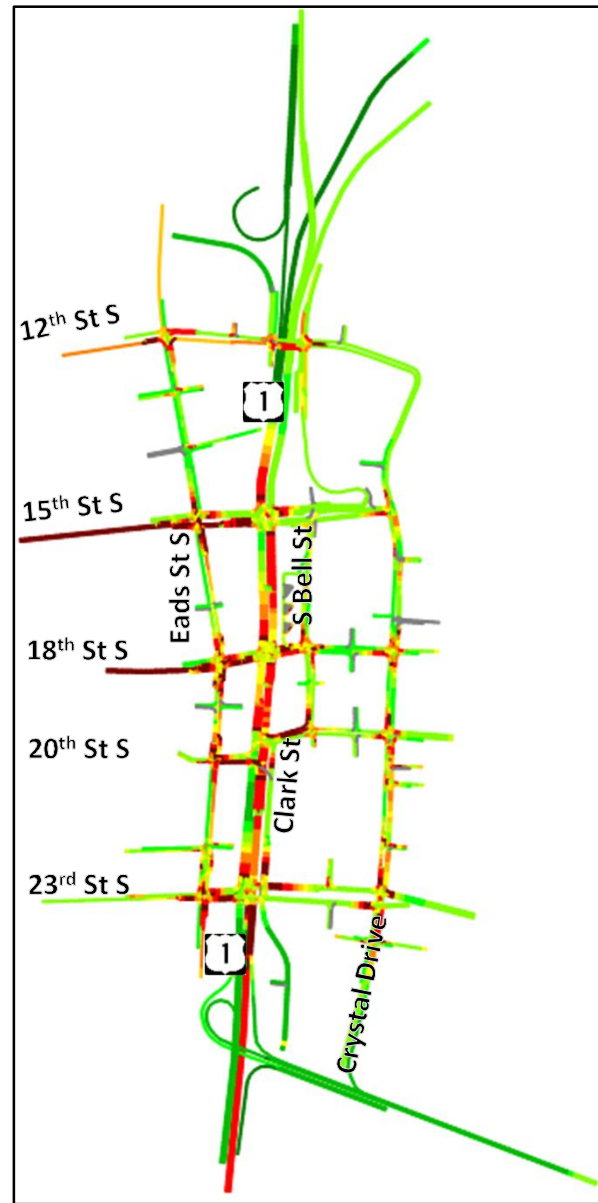
## MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS



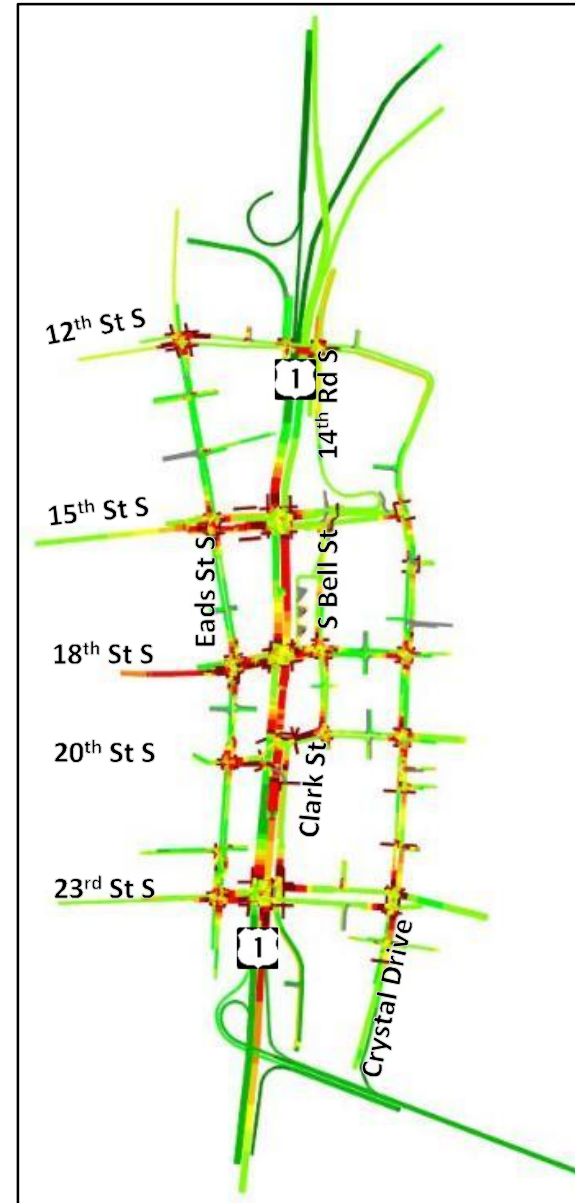
### Sensitivity Analysis Speed Comparison – Using Existing (2019) AM Peak Volumes



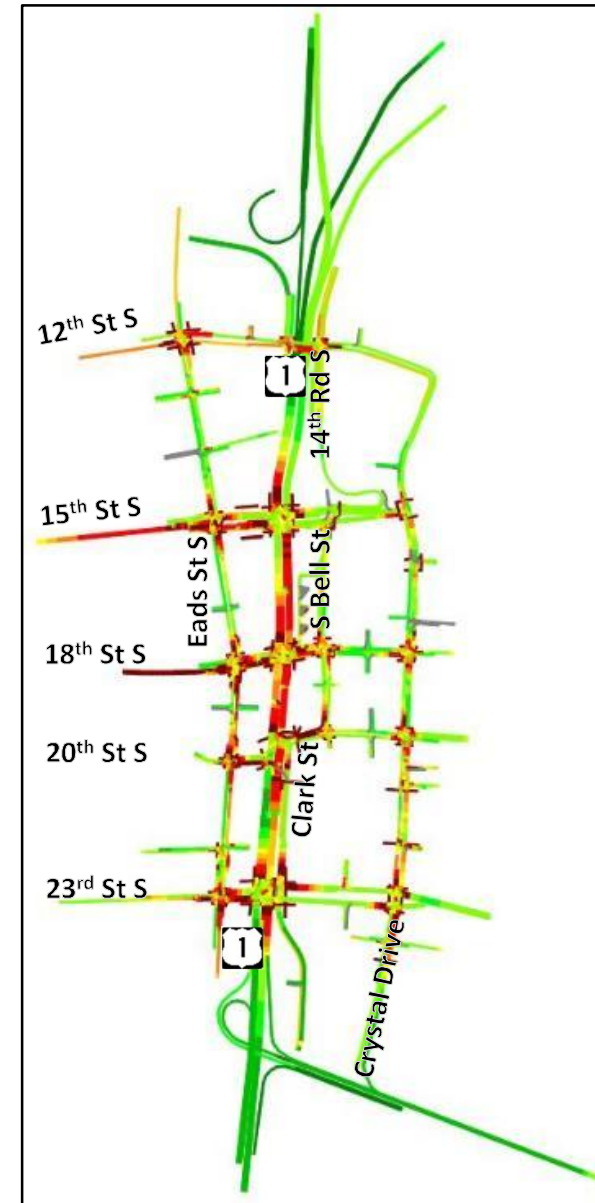
Configuration: Existing (Elevated)  
Volumes: Existing (2019)



Configuration: At-Grade Option 1  
Volumes: Existing (2019)



Configuration: At-Grade Option 1  
Volumes: Existing (2019) and 20%  
Reduction

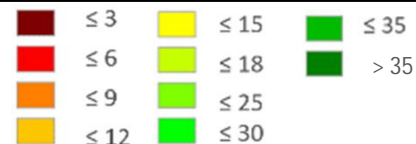


Configuration: At-Grade Option 1  
Volumes: Existing (2019) and 30%  
Reduction for Route 1 North/South  
Traffic Only



#### LEGEND

Average Vehicle Speed  
(mph)



- At-grade concept - traffic challenges remain under 2019 existing volumes
- Reducing all traffic volumes improves mobility more than just reducing Route 1 through traffic volumes
- Key movements to manage traffic demand:
  - Through Route 1 traffic
  - Eastbound 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Street left turns onto Route 1 northbound
- Option 2 operates similarly to Option 1 with slightly worse operations on side streets
- Option 3 operates similarly to Option 1 with slightly worse operations along 15<sup>th</sup> Street and slightly better operations along 18<sup>th</sup> Street



# Potential Separate Pedestrian Crossing at 18<sup>th</sup> Street





# Separate Pedestrian Crossing Over/Under Route 1



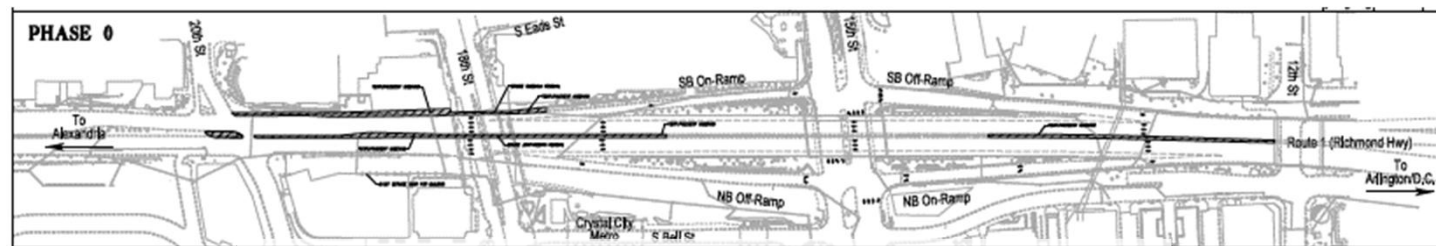
- Further study of a separate pedestrian crossing over or under Route 1 at 18<sup>th</sup> Street is recommended in response to public comments
- Possibilities:
  - Pedestrian underpass between 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Pedestrian tunnel connection to the Crystal City underground network
  - Pedestrian bridge over Route 1 at 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- Issues to be examined: cost, aesthetics, constructability, usage, maintenance, accessibility

# Constructability

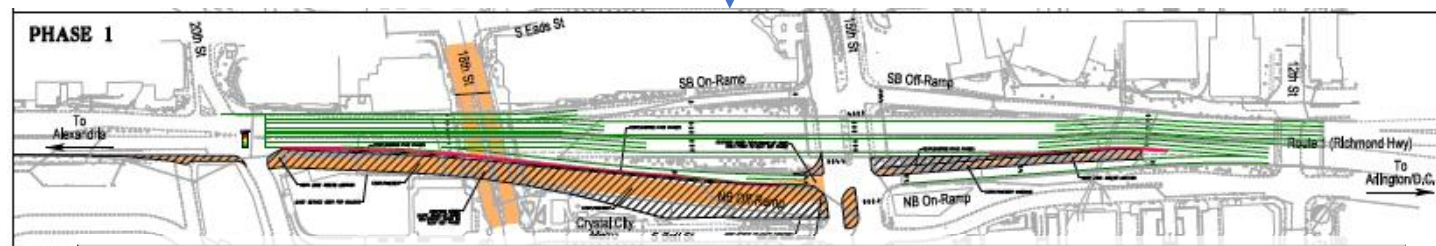




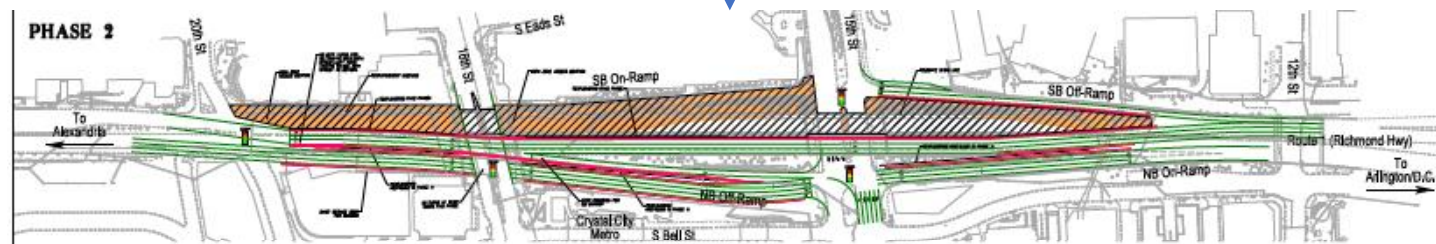
# Maintenance of Traffic – At Grade Option



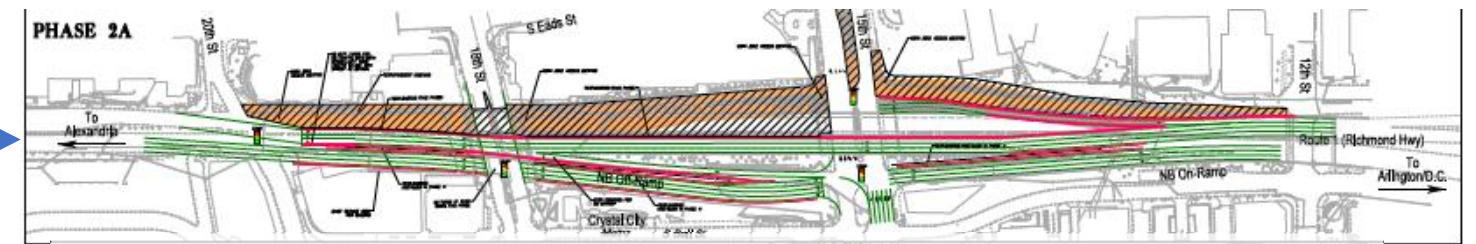
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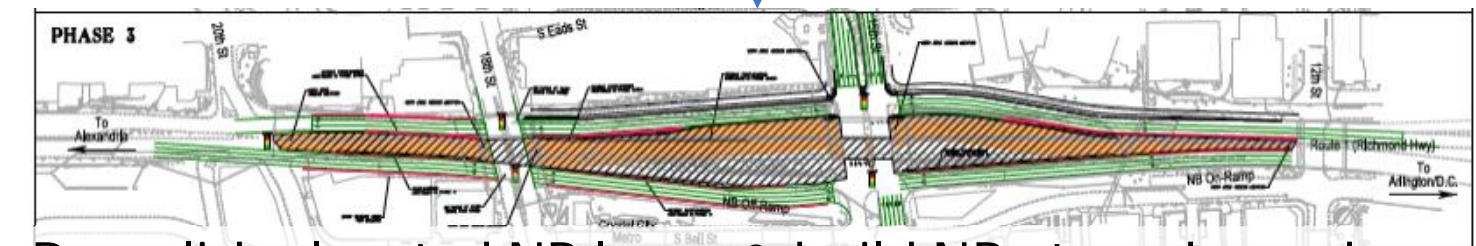
Preparatory work utilizing Clark St overpass footprint



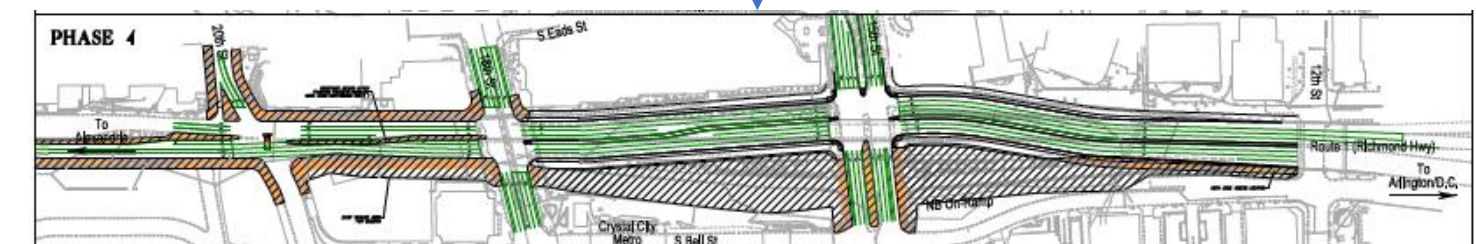
Switch NB traffic to at-grade on temporary roadway & SB traffic to existing elevated NB lanes



Demolish elevated SB lanes & build SB at-grade lanes



Demolish elevated NB lanes & build NB at-grade roadway

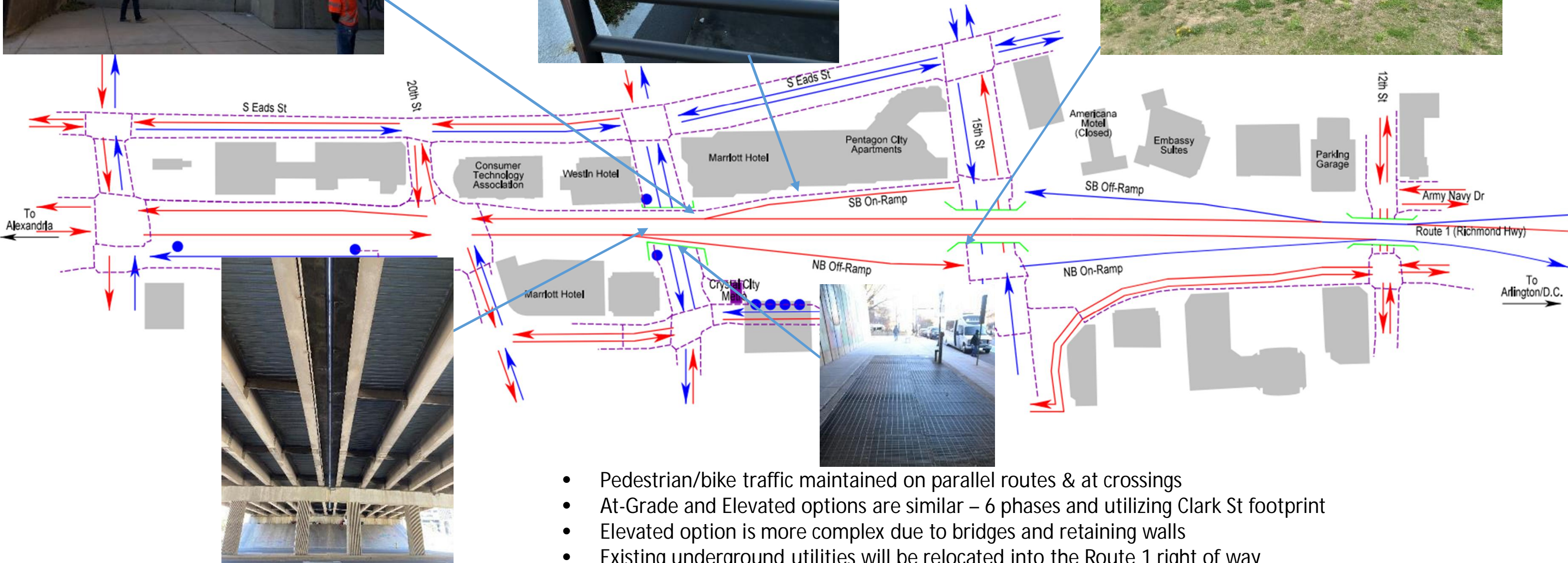
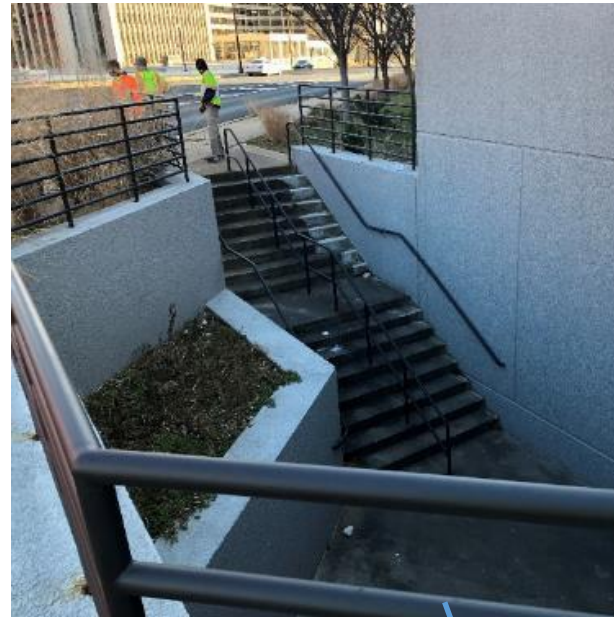


Build sidewalk/pedestrian zone between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> St, 15<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> St

- Pedestrian/bike traffic maintained on parallel routes & at crossings
- Elevated option is similar – 6 phases and utilizing Clark St footprint – but more complex due to bridges and retaining walls



# Constructability Challenges



- Pedestrian/bike traffic maintained on parallel routes & at crossings
- At-Grade and Elevated options are similar – 6 phases and utilizing Clark St footprint
- Elevated option is more complex due to bridges and retaining walls
- Existing underground utilities will be relocated into the Route 1 right of way



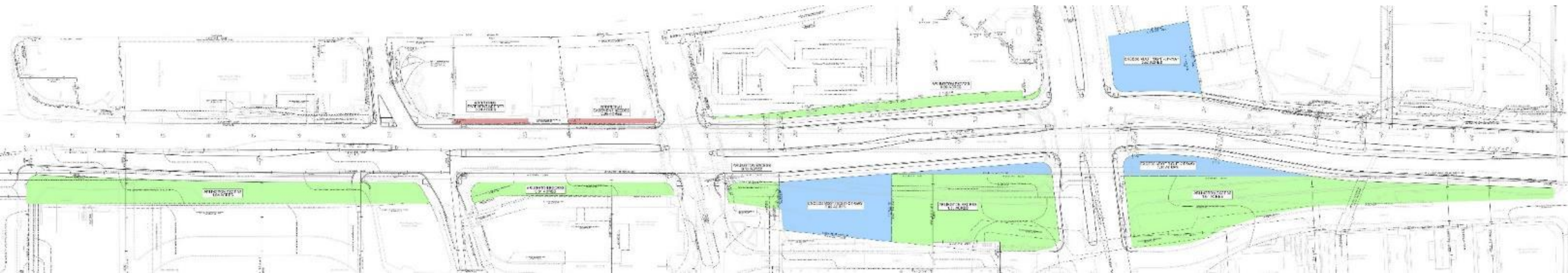
# Right of Way and Utilities



# Comparison of Right-of-Way (RW)



At-Grade Concept

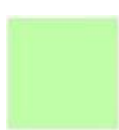


Potential Excess RW	6.41 Ac
Easement Need	0.09 Ac

Sector Plan Concept



Potential Excess RW	5.15 Ac
Easement Need	0.09 Ac



Potential Excess  
Arlington RW



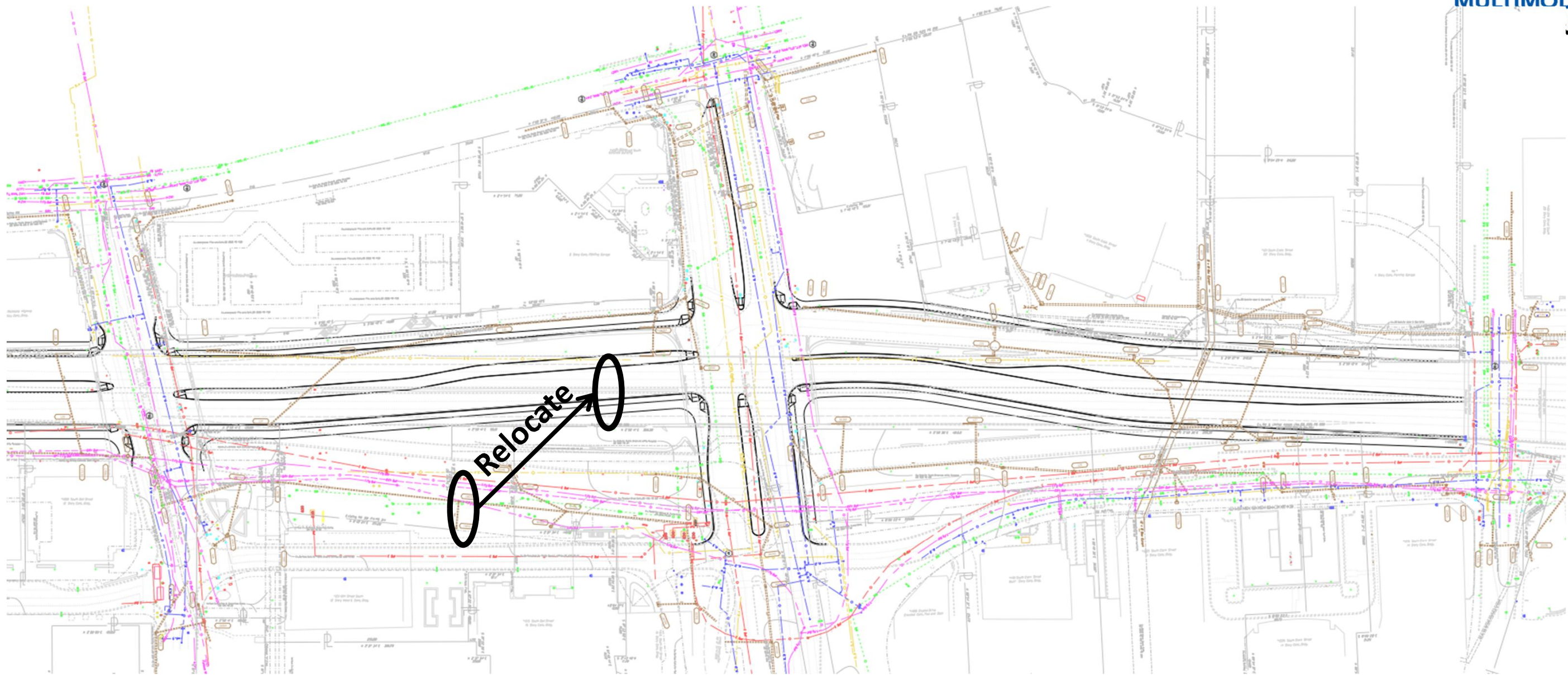
Potential Excess  
VDOT RW



Easement Needed  
for Route 1



# Relocation of Utilities



Existing underground utilities in the footprint of the former Clark St overpass to be relocated into the new Route 1 right of way

# Project Cost, Comparison of Options, and Recommendation





# Estimated Project Cost

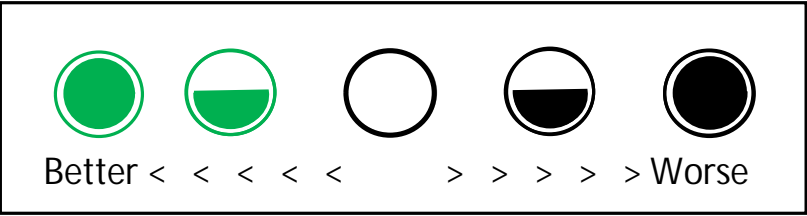
Option	Estimated Cost
Existing Configuration w/ Improvements	\$5 – 15 million
At-grade Urban Boulevard	\$180 million
Elevated Urban Boulevard	\$260 million

Major Cost Item	Conceptual Cost (2021 Dollars)	
	<u>At-Grade Concept</u>	<u>Sector Plan Concept</u>
Pavement / Sidewalks	\$ 9,200,000	\$ 13,300,000
Earthwork	\$ 18,500,000	\$ 7,000,000
New Bridges/Bridge Removal	\$ 4,900,000	\$ 32,200,000
New/Upgraded Retaining Walls	\$ 11,600,000	\$ 28,800,000
Stormwater Management	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 14,500,000
Utility Relocations	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000
Maintenance of Traffic	\$ 16,800,000	\$ 18,000,000
Ramp, Stairs, and Elevators	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 5,600,000

# Measures of Effectiveness Comparison



Scenario	Safety (Crashes)	Walkability	Bikeability	Transit Effectiveness	Vehicular Traffic Ops	Pedestrian Ops/Safety	Shift in trips to non-auto modes	Cost	Constructability	ADA Considerations	Urban Fabric	Redevelopment Potential	Adaptability	Environmental Impacts	Maintenance
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Sector Plan Concept (Elevated/Rebuilt)															

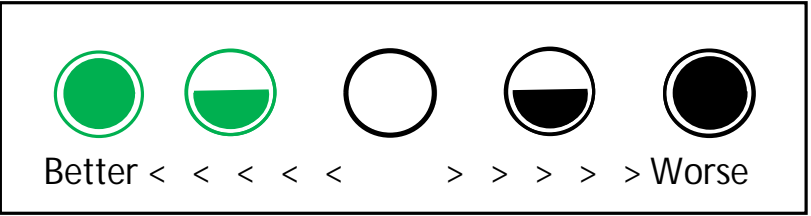




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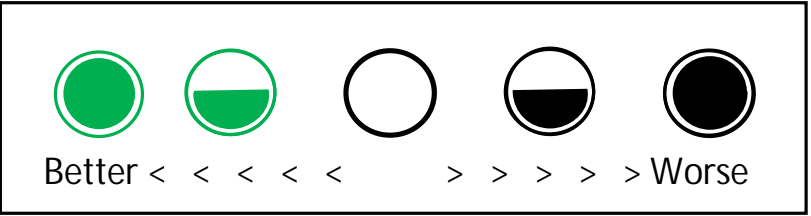
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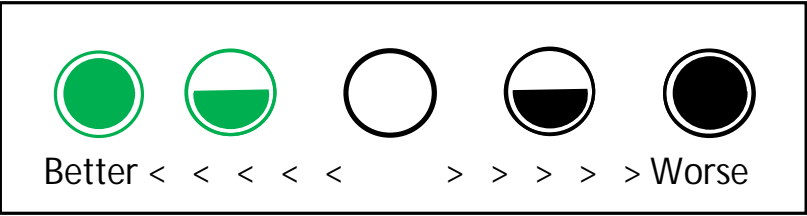


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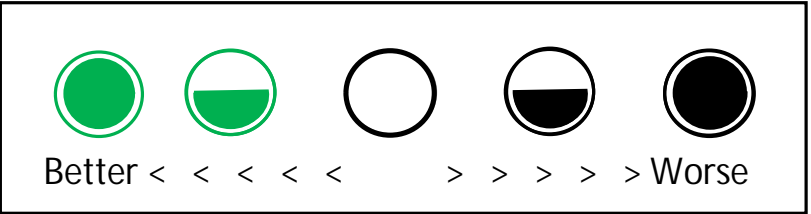
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Modified Existing																
At-Grade																
Sector Plan Concept (Elevated/Rebuilt)																

May be improved with effective TDM strategy

May be improved with separated pedestrian crossing





# Recommendation – At-Grade Route 1



- An at-grade configuration for Route 1 provides most desirable characteristics that meet the multimodal and community vision for National Landing
  - Needs a comprehensive and effective TDM strategy that reduces future traffic volumes 20% to 30% below existing (2019) volumes
    - reduce future congestion
    - reduce future diversion of traffic to local/regional roads
  - Option 3 recommended: At-grade configuration with all turns at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and no left turns at 18<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Further study needed for separate pedestrian crossing over or under Route 1 at 18<sup>th</sup> Street in addition to at-grade crosswalks

# Next Steps

- Receive public comment
- August – draft report
- September – final report
- Phase 2 Study – possibilities are:
  - Post-COVID traffic counts/analysis
  - Pedestrian overpass configuration
  - Expand analysis of Option 3 (all turning movements at 15<sup>th</sup> St and no lefts at 18<sup>th</sup> St)
  - 5% plan development
  - Travel Demand Management (TDM) Strategy Development





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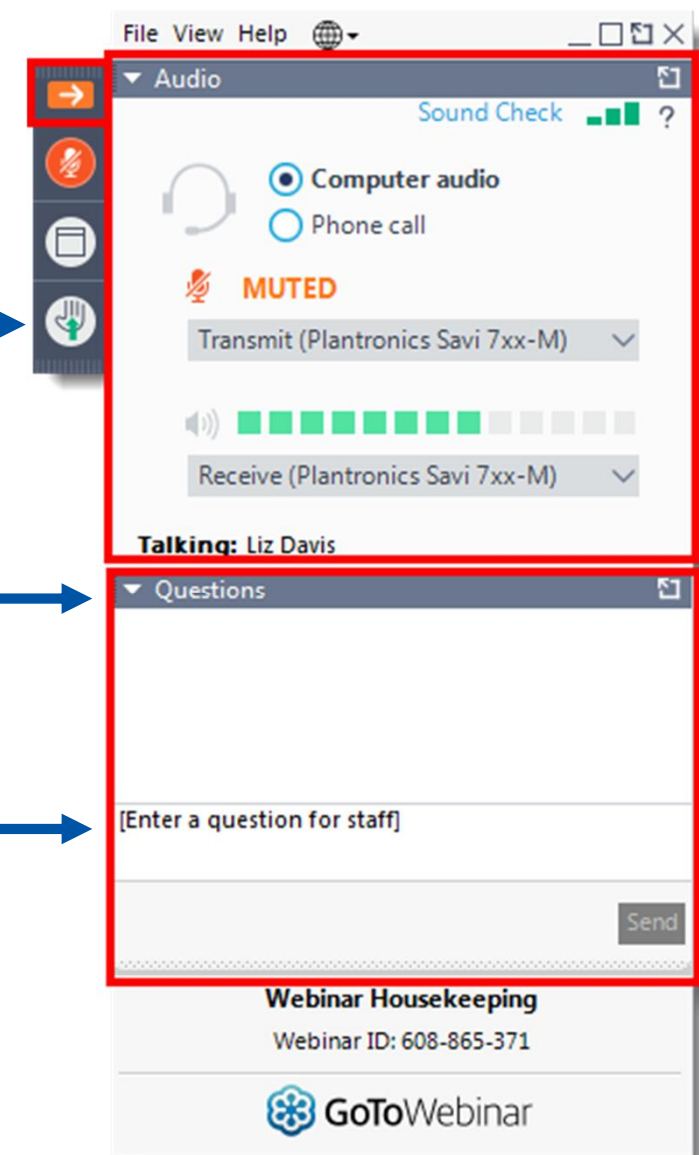
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